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FOREIGN NEWS ON FLAX AND FLAXSEED

THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN DECEMBER 1928

The price of flaxseed in Minneapolis continued high during December in spite of some decrease in the prices at Winnipeg and Buenos Aires, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The final estimate of 19,321,000 bushels for the United States crop compared with 25,847,000 bushels in 1927, together with low stocks in the United States and Canada help to hold prices firm in the United States in spite of reports of a record crop in Argentina. Carryover of old crop in Argentina is believed to be small. The official estimate of the Argentine crop is not yet available but trade reports indicate a production well above that of last year. Commercial stocks reported for the United States and Canada on December 29 were only 2,854,000 bushels compared with 7,034,000 bushels at the corresponding time in 1927 and 5,644,000 bushels in 1926. Exports of flaxseed from Argentina and India through December 15 and Canada through November 30 amounted to 23,452,000 bushels compared with 24,241,000 bushels for the corresponding period of 1927. Imports into the United States and United Kingdom from September 1 to November 30 were 7,051,000 bushels compared with 8,095,000 bushels in 1927. The countries of continental Europe continued to import flaxseed in larger quantities than during 1927.

Production

No important change has been reported for flaxseed production since the November review. Production in 14 countries so far reported for 1928 is 53,198,000 bushels, or 7,555,000 bushels below the 1927 production of 60,753,000 bushels for the same countries. No estimate is available for the production in Argentina. An official estimate was to have been issued on December 21 but due to a change in government this was not done. The acreage sown for the 1928 season in Argentina was a record one and conditions have been favorable so that it is quite possible that a sufficient increase may be reported for this country to balance the decrease in the Northern Hemisphere and, according to trade estimates, it may be sufficient to raise world production well above that of 1927. A revised estimate of the 1927 crop of Russia is somewhat lower than the previous estimate and shows a small increase in 1928 instead of the decrease previously reported. The estimate of acreage sown to flaxseed in India at the time of the first report issued the end of December was 2,568,000 acres compared with 2,574,000 acres sown at the corresponding time last season, and a final estimate for the 1927 area of 3,352,000 acres. No estimate of production will be available until June. Estimates of acreage and production for countries reporting for 1928 with earlier years for comparison will be found on page 4.



Prices

Flaxseed prices declined slightly during December in Winnipeg and Buenos Aires but in Minneapolis advanced above the November average. Prices in all three markets remained above the corresponding prices of the two preceding years. The margins of the Minneapolis price over those of Winnipeg and Buenos Aires showed a further increase during December, which is the usual tendency at this time of the year. For weekly average prices in three markets, September through December 1928 and 1927 see table, page 3.

Stocks

Flaxseed stocks in the commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada on December 29 were 4,180,000 bushels below the corresponding stocks in 1927, and 2,790,000 bushels below those of 1926. Stocks reported for the United States were only 1,397,000 bushels compared with 4,247,000 bushels in 1927, and 2,676,000 bushels in 1926. Canada reported a total of 1,457,000 bushels on December 28, 1928 compared with 2,787,000 bushels in 1927, and 2,968,000 in 1926.

No estimate of Argentine carryover on January 1, 1929 is available but the amount is believed to be small since trade figures of exports to December 15, 1928 more than equal the amount estimated as available for export on January 1, 1928.

Imports and exports

Shipments of flaxseed from Argentina and Canada since the beginning of the new United States season on September 1 have been slightly above those of last season but this increase has been more than offset by the large decrease in shipments from India during the same period. Exports from Argentina from January 1 to December 15, 1928 amounted to 72,678,000 bushels compared with exports of 71,744,000 bushels during the same period in 1927, according to combined official and trade figures. This increase is accounted for by larger imports into European countries since United States imports were well below those of 1927. Shipments from India from April 1 to December 15 were 5,222,000 bushels compared with 7,401,000 bushels in 1927. Imports into the United States for the first three months of the present season were only 3,879,000 bushels compared with 4,965,000 bushels in 1927. The United Kingdom took slightly larger quantities in November and the September to November total is 3,172,000 bushels compared with 3,130,000 bushels for the corresponding months of 1927. Continental European countries continue to import flaxseed in large quantities and imports into Germany, Belgium and France for September and October, and the Netherlands from September through November were 9,893,000 bushels compared with imports of 7,922,000 bushels during the same period of 1927. See table, page 5.

FLAXSEED: Weekly average price per bushel in specified
markets in 1928 and corresponding prices for 1927

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 N.W.C.		No. 1 N.W.		4% early del.		Winnipeg		Buenos Aires	
	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928
	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Sept-										
1st week	1.94	1.84	2.20	2.03	1.70	1.63	26	19	50	40
2nd "	1.95	1.87	2.21	2.07	1.72	1.64	26	20	49	43
3rd "	1.98	1.86	2.25	2.14	1.73	1.64	27	28	52	50
4th "	1.94	1.88	2.19	2.18	1.69	1.66	25	30	50	52
Oct-										
1st week	1.92	1.92	2.19	2.22	1.67	1.68	27	30	52	54
2nd "	1.92	1.97	2.18	2.34	1.67	1.72	26	37	51	62
3rd "	1.86	1.93	2.11	2.29	1.67	1.72	25	36	44	57
4th "	1.82	1.90	2.08	2.28	1.63	1.70	26	38	45	58
Nov-										
1st week	1.81	1.92	2.07	2.30	1.59	1.70	26	38	48	60
2nd "	1.86	1.93	2.13	2.29	1.60	1.69	27	36	53	60
3rd "	1.84	1.98	2.17	2.34	1.59	1.76	33	36	58	58
4th "	1.83	1.99	2.16	2.43	1.58	1.69	33	44	58	74
5th "	1.82	1.96	2.14	2.44	1.58	1.62	32	48	56	82
Dec-										
1st week	1.81	1.90	2.14	2.42	1.57	1.60	33	52	57	82
2nd "	1.80	1.90	2.16	2.36	1.58	1.58	36	46	58	78
3rd "	1.79	1.90	2.14	2.37	1.57	1.60	35	47	57	77
4th "	1.79	1.93	2.16	2.40	1.57	1.60	37	47	59	80

Compiled from - Minneapolis: Average daily prices weighted by carlot sales, compiled from Minneapolis Daily Market Record. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain Statistics, Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New York Journal of Commerce. For monthly average price per bushel in four important markets, September 1924 to December 1927, see Foreign Service release FF-22, March 13, 1928.

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FLAXSEED: Acreage in countries reporting for 1928, average
1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country	:Average : : 1909- : : 1913 a/:	: 1925 :	: 1926 :	: 1927 :	: 1928 :	:Per cent :1928 is :of 1927
	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	:
Countries producing seed only-	: <u>acres</u> :	: <u>acres</u> :	: <u>acres</u> :	: <u>acres</u> :	: <u>acres</u> :	:Per cent
United States	2,490	3,078	2,907	2,837	2,721	95.9
Canada	1,035	843	738	476	378	79.4
Argentina	4,113	6,201	6,672	7,055	7,297	103.4
3 other seed producing coun. b/	135	241	228	240	258	107.5
Total coun. produc- ing seed only (5) ..	7,773	10,363	10,545	10,608	10,654	100.4
Countries producing seed and fiber-	:	:	:	:	:	:
Coun. prev. restd. and unchanged (13) b/	4,041	4,920	5,107	5,288	5,310	100.4
France, revised	62	61	66	60	78	130.0
Italy, new	43	52	55	43	44	102.3
Rumania, new	71	62	51	49	48	98.0
Irish Free State, new	10	11	7	6	8	133.3
Total Europ. coun. (17) ..	4,227	5,106	5,286	5,446	5,488	100.8
Total above coun. (23) ..	12,000	15,469	15,831	16,054	16,142	100.5
India, 1st estimate	2,948	2,768	2,734	2,574	2,568	99.8
" final "	3,825	3,596	3,331	3,352	:	:
Other countries c/	45	78	77	79	:	:
Estimated world total ..	15,870	19,143	19,239	19,485	:	:

FLAXSEED: Production in countries reporting for 1928, average
1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country	:Average : : 1909- : : 1913 a/:	: 1925 :	: 1926 :	: 1927 :	: 1928 :	:Per cent :1928 is :of 1927
	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	:
	: <u>bushels</u> :	: <u>bushels</u> :	: <u>bushels</u> :	: <u>bushels</u> :	: <u>bushels</u> :	:Per cent
United States	19,543	22,424	19,335	25,847	19,321	74.8
Canada	12,040	6,237	5,995	4,885	3,499	71.6
Russia,	18,984	23,730	20,472	22,507	22,755	101.1
Countries prev. restd. and unchanged (8) b/	4,618	5,912	6,083	6,059	6,195	102.2
France, new	534	531	590	502	702	139.8
Italy, new	340	504	459	298	315	105.7
Latvia, new	953	1,099	971	655	411	62.7
Total above coun. (14) ..	57,012	60,437	53,905	60,753	53,198	87.6
Estimated world total ..	111,200	155,100	142,300	157,200	:	:

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture. Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

a/ Estimates for present boundaries. b/ See previous Foreign Service releases on Flax and Flaxseed. c/ Partly estimated.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and
exporting countries, year beginning September 1,
1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year beginning September 1			Trade in current season to date indicated, with comparisons		
	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	September 1 to	1927-28	1928-29
	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
Exports:						
Argentina	66,835	65,935	a/75,533	Dec. 15 b/	20,654	20,798
India	7,426	8,255	8,031	Dec. 15 c/	3,122	1,813
Canada	2,541	2,939	2,425	Nov. 30	465	841
Russia and Danube b/	1,190	811	83		--	--
Total above exports	77,992	78,045	86,072		24,241	23,452
Imports:						
United States	19,971	24,093	18,160	Nov. 30	4,965	3,879
United Kingdom	14,952	14,257	14,074	Nov. 30	3,130	3,172
Total 2 countries ..	34,923	38,350	32,234		8,095	7,051
Continent						
Netherlands	14,163	12,156	15,733	Nov. 30	3,551	4,760
Germany	12,445	13,767	18,727	Oct. 31	2,137	2,863
Belgium	3,597	3,439	4,666	Oct. 31	587	799
France	6,786	6,953	8,011	Oct. 31	1,647	1,471
Total 4 continental countries	36,991	36,315	47,137		7,922	9,893
Total above imports ..	71,914	74,665	79,371		16,017	16,944

a/ Official figures through July 12, trade figures to date. b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures to October 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons,
1925-1928

Country	Year beginning	1925	1926	1927	Period	1927	1928
		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
		bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
Argentina	Jan. 1	37,821	65,866	74,585	Dec. 15 a/	71,744	72,678
India	Apr. 1	12,326	7,675	8,900	Dec. 15 b/	7,401	5,222

a/ Official figures through October 10, trade figures to date.

b/ Official figures through October 31, trade figures to date.

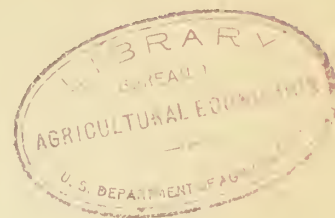
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FOREIGN NEWS ON FLAX AND FLAXSEED

THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN JANUARY 1929



Flaxseed prices strengthened considerably during January in Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires and were above the January prices of the two preceding years, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The continued firm tone in the market is due largely to the small production and low stocks in North America and a rapid disposal of the Argentine crop, with good demand from the United Kingdom. No official estimate of the Argentine crop has been issued for the present season. Estimates from trade sources place the production between 90,000,000 and 100,000,000 bushels which is sufficient to balance the deficit in North America and place the world production above that of last year. Commercial stocks reported for the United States and Canada on February 2 were 2,515,000 bushels compared with 6,374,000 bushels reported at the corresponding time in 1928 and 5,632,000 bushels in 1927. Exports are leaving Argentina and Canada in large quantities while exports from India are small. The shipments of flaxseed from Argentina and India from September 1 through January 19 and Canada from September 1 through December 30 amounted to 35,107,000 bushels compared with 31,802,000 bushels for the corresponding period last season. Imports into the United States and United Kingdom from September 1 through December 31 were 9,274,000 bushels compared with imports of 9,987,000 bushels during the same period last season. Imports into the countries of continental Europe for the first three months of the present season were above imports for the same period last season.

Production

No change has been reported in flaxseed production since the December review. The official estimate of the Argentine crop has not been issued. Estimates from trade sources place the production between 90,000,000 and 100,000,000 bushels and the exportable surplus as of January 1 at 87,000,000 to 90,000,000 bushels. Should these estimates prove to be accurate the production of flaxseed in 1928 in 15 countries which in 1927 produced 89 per cent of the estimated world total, will surpass the record crop of 1927. The total for these countries in 1928 amounts to about 143,198,000 to 153,198,000 bushels compared with 140,197,000 bushels produced by the same countries in 1927 and an estimated world total for 1927 of 157,200,000 bushels. India is the only country of importance which is not included in the above estimate for 1928. Estimates of area and production for countries reporting for 1928 with earlier years for comparison will be found on page 3.

Prices

The average of \$2.45 per bushel for No. 1 flaxseed at Minneapolis during January was the highest monthly average in that market since January 1926 with the exception of May 1928 when the average reached \$2.46, but dropped to \$2.38 the following month. Prices in Winnipeg are also high as a result of the small crop in North America. The large shipments of flaxseed from Argentina and good demand from the United Kingdom have kept the Argentine market steady in spite of the large crop being harvested in that country. The margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Winnipeg is higher than at any time in the last four years, while the margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Buenos Aires was exceeded only once during the four year period. For weekly average prices during January 1928 and 1929 in the three important markets see table, page 3.

Stocks

Flaxseed stocks in the commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada on February 2 were 3,858,000 bushels below stocks at the same time last year and 3,117,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 1,141,000 bushels compared with 3,409,000 bushels in 1928 and 2,284,000 bushels in 1927. In Canada the stocks in store on February 1 were 1,374,000 bushels compared with 2,965,000 bushels in 1928 and 3,348,000 bushels in 1927.

Imports and exports

Flaxseed has been shipped from Argentina in large volume since the beginning of the new Argentine season on January 1. Shipments from January 1 to January 19 amounted to 7,504,000 bushels compared with shipments of 4,535,000 bushels during this period in 1928 and 2,555,000 bushels in 1927. Exports from India during the present season have been very low and from April 1 to January 19 were 5,749,000 bushels compared with 7,934,000 bushels during the same period last season. Total exports from the exporting countries, Argentina, India, Canada and Russia since the beginning of the new United States season on September 1 have been above the November imports and also above the imports during December 1927. The United Kingdom took a smaller quantity than last year, however, and imports into these two countries from September 1 to December 31 were 9,274,000 bushels compared with imports of 9,987,000 bushels during the same period of 1927. Imports into Belgium and the Netherlands in November declined below those of the preceding month, while France and Germany took larger quantities than during October. The total imports into Belgium, Germany and France from September 1 to November 30 and Netherlands from September 1 to December 31 were 23,056,000 bushels compared with 22,482,000 bushels last season. See table, page 4.

FLAXSEED: Acreage and production in countries reporting for 1928,
average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country a/	:Average : : 1909- : 1925 : 1926 : 1927 : 1928 : Per cent : 1913 b/ : : : : : : 1928 is : : : : : : of 1927
ACREAGE	: 1,000 : 1,000 : 1,000 : 1,000 : 1,000 : Per cent : acres : acres : acres : acres : acres :
Countries producing: seed only (6) c/	: : : : : : : 7,773: 10,363: 10,545: 10,608: 10,654: 100.4
Countries producing: seed & fiber (17) c/	: : : : : : : 4,227: 5,106: 5,286: 5,446: 5,488: 100.8
Total countries : reporting (23)	: : : : : : : 12,000: 15,469: 15,831: 16,054: 16,142: 100.5
India, 1st est....	: 2,948: 2,768: 2,734: 2,574: 2,568: 99.8
India, final est..	: 3,825: 3,596: 3,331: 3,352: : :
Other countries d/	: 45: 78: 77: 79: : :
Est. world total..	: 15,870: 19,143: 19,239: 19,485: : :
PRODUCTION	: : : : : :
Countries previous- ly reported for	: : : : : :
1928 (14) c/	: 57,012: 60,437: 53,905: 60,753: 53,198: 87.6
Argentina.....	: 31,117: 75,113: 69,091: 79,444: e/90,000: : : : : : 100,000:
Est. world total..	: 111,200: 155,100: 142,300: 157,200: : :

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ Estimates for present boundaries. c/ See previous Foreign Service
Releases on Flax and Flaxseed. d/ Partly estimated. e/ Trade estimates.

FLAXSEED: Weekly average price per bushel in specified markets
in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	: Winnipeg : Minneapolis : Buenos Aires : Margin of Minneapolis : : : : price over
	: No. 1 N.W.C. : No. 1 N. W. : 4% early del.: Winnipeg : Buenos Aires : 1928 : 1929 : 1928 : 1929 : 1928 : 1929 : 1928: 1929: 1928: 1929
	: Dolls: Dolls: Dolls: Dolls: Dolls: Dolls: Cents: Cents: Cents: Cents
January-	: : : : : : : : : :
1st week	: 1.81: 1.87: 2.18: 2.39: 1.60: 1.59: 37 : 52 : 58 : 80
2nd "	: 1.83: 1.90: 2.24: 2.44: 1.61: 1.61: 41 : 54 : 63 : 83
3rd "	: 1.84: 1.92: 2.28: 2.46: 1.65: 1.64: 44 : 54 : 63 : 82
4th "	: 1.83: 1.95: 2.24: 2.47: 1.62: 1.65: 41 : 52 : 62 : 82
5th " a/	: 1.83: b/1.97: 2.25: 2.48: 1.62: 1.64: 42 : 51 : 63 : 84

Compiled from - Minneapolis: Average daily prices weighted by carlot sales,
compiled from Minneapolis Daily Market Record. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain
Statistics. Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New
York Journal of Commerce. For weekly average prices in the same markets,
September to December 1927 and 1928 see Foreign Service Release FF-34, January
19, 1929. For monthly average price per bushel in four important markets,
September 1924 to December 1927, see Foreign Service Release FF-22, March 13,
1928. a/ Week ending February 2. b/ New York Journal of Commerce.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries,
year beginning September 1, 1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year beginning September 1			Trade in current season to date indicated, with comparisons		
	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	September 1: to	1927-28	1928-29
	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Exports:						
Argentina	66,835	65,935	a/75,533	Jan 19 b/	27,622	31,671
India	7,426	8,255	8,931	Jan 19 c/	3,655	2,339
Canada	2,541	2,939	2,425	Dec 31	525	1,050
Russia & Danube b/	1,190	811	83	Jan 19	---	47
Total above exp.	77,992	78,045	86,072		31,802	35,107
Imports:						
United States	19,971	24,093	18,160	Dec 31	5,994	5,412
United Kingdom ...	14,952	14,257	14,074	Dec 31	3,993	3,862
Total 2 coun.	34,923	38,350	32,234		9,987	9,274
Continent						
Netherlands	14,163	12,156	15,733	Dec 31	5,114	5,863
Germany	12,445	13,767	18,727	Nov 30	4,157	4,514
Belgium	3,597	3,439	4,666	Nov 30	1,052	1,086
France	6,786	6,953	8,011	Nov 30	2,172	2,319
Total 4 continental countries	36,991	36,315	47,157		12,495	13,782
Total above imports	71,914	74,665	79,371		22,482	23,056

a/ Official figures through July 12, trade figures to date. b/ Trade figures.
c/ Official figures to November 30, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons,
1926-1929

Country	Year begin.	1926	1927	1928	Period	1927	1928	1929
		1,000	1,000	1,000	Jan 1	1,000	1,000	1,000
		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	to Jan	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
					19 b/			
Argentina ...	Jan 1	65,866	74,585	a/75,439		2,555	4,535	7,504
					April 1:			
					to Jan			
India	Apr 1	7,675	8,900	---	19 c/	7,934	5,749	---

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.
b/ Trade figures.
c/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures to date.



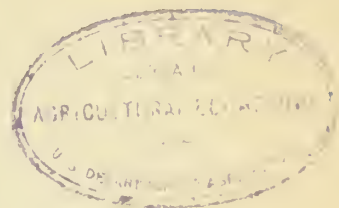
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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN FEBRUARY 1929



The February price of \$2.55 per bushel for flaxseed at Minneapolis was the highest monthly average reached in that market since December 1925, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. An increase also occurred during February at Winnipeg and Buenos Aires. In Winnipeg prices reached the highest level since August 1926, while the Buenos Aires price was above the February average of the past three years. Trade estimates now place the 1928-29 flaxseed crop of Argentina at 94,000,000 bushels. No official estimate has been issued. The total production in 16 countries reported for 1928 is 147,211,000 bushels compared with 140,200,000 bushels produced by the same countries last year. This total does not include India, but includes the unofficial trade estimate for Argentina and is therefore only a preliminary figure. Commercial stocks reported to the governments of the United States and Canada on March 2 were 2,093,000 bushels compared with 5,856,000 bushels at the corresponding time in 1928 and 5,503,000 bushels in 1927. Exports from Canada and Argentina continue large while shipments from India are well below last year. Exports from Argentina, India and Russia from September 1 through February 23 and Canada from September 1 to January 31 were 47,552,000 bushels compared with 43,203,000 bushels for the corresponding period last year. Imports into the United States and United Kingdom from September 1 through January 31 were 11,381,000 bushels compared with 12,017,000 bushels imported during the same time last year. The countries of continental Europe took slightly larger supplies during the first four months of the present season than during the same period last season.

Production

Statistics on production remain practically as reported in February. The trade estimate for Argentina which formerly indicated a production as high as 100,000,000 bushels has been reduced to 94,000,000 bushels, but is still sufficiently above the crop of last year to offset the reduction in the crops of the Northern Hemisphere. A few minor revisions have been reported for Canada and some of the European countries, see table, page 5. India is the only country of importance for which statistics are not available. The 1928-29 crop of India is still being harvested and the estimate of production is not expected until the beginning of June.

Prices

Flaxseed prices in the three important markets, Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires, continued to advance during February and in the North American markets reached the highest levels for several years. The Minneapolis price has been especially high due in part to the small 1928 crop in the United States. The margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Buenos Aires, which had dropped to 34 cents per bushel in September 1928, in February reached 90 cents per bushel, the highest margin reported during the past five years. The margin of 50 cents in the Minneapolis price over the price at Winnipeg is slightly below the margin of last month but is higher than any other margin during the last five years. For weekly average prices during January and February 1928 and 1929 and monthly average prices in four markets in 1928 see tables, page 3.

Stocks

Flaxseed stocks in the commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada at the beginning of March were much lower than at the same time during the past two years. The stocks on March 2, 1929 were 3,763,000 bushels below stocks reported for the similar date in 1928, and 3,410,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 780,000 bushels compared with 2,816,000 bushels in 1928 and 2,077,000 bushels in 1927. The stocks in store in Canada on March 1 were 1,313,000 bushels compared with 3,040,000 bushels in 1928 and 3,426,000 bushels in 1927.

Imports and exports

Imports of flaxseed into the United States during December and January of the present season have been above those for the same months last season. The total imported from September 1 to January 31, however, was only 6,824,000 bushels compared with 7,175,000 bushels last season. Demand from the United Kingdom fell off during December and January and from September 1 to January 31 imports amounted to 4,557,000 bushels compared with 4,842,000 bushels for the same months last season. Imports into Germany, Belgium and France from September 1 to December 31 and Netherlands from September 1 to January 1 of the present season have been 17,547,000 bushels compared with 16,167,000 bushels last season. Exports continue to leave Argentina and Canada in large quantities. Shipments from Argentina from the beginning of the Argentine season on January 1 through the week ending February 23 have been 19,530,000 bushels compared with 15,574,000 bushels during the same period of 1928 and 13,551,000 bushels in 1927. Shipments from India remain small. See tables, page 4.

FLAXSEED: Weekly average price per bushel in specified markets
in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg	Minneapolis	Buenos Aires	Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 N.W.C.	No. 1 N. W.	4 1/2 early del.	Winnipeg	Buenos Aires		
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928:1929
	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Cents:Cents
January-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.81	1.87	2.18	2.39	1.60	1.59	37 : 52 : 58 : 80
2nd "	1.83	1.90	2.24	2.44	1.61	1.61	41 : 54 : 63 : 83
3rd "	1.84	1.92	2.28	2.46	1.65	1.64	44 : 54 : 63 : 82
4th "	1.83	1.95	2.24	2.47	1.62	1.65	41 : 52 : 62 : 82
5th " a/	1.83	1.96	2.25	2.48	1.62	1.64	42 : 51 : 63 : 84
February-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.83	2.00	2.26	2.54	1.63	1.65	43 : 54 : 63 : 89
2nd "	1.83	2.07	2.27	2.58	1.61	1.66	44 : 51 : 66 : 92
3rd "	1.85	2.08	2.27	2.55	1.62	1.67	42 : 47 : 65 : 88
4th " b/	1.86	2.08	2.28	2.56	1.61	1.66	42 : 48 : 67 : 90

Compiled from - Minneapolis: Minneapolis Daily Market Record, average daily prices weighted by carlot sales. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain Statistics. Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New York Journal of Commerce. For weekly average prices in the same markets, September to December 1927 and 1928 see Foreign Service Release FF-34, January 19, 1929.
a/ week ending February 2. b/ week ending March 2.

FLAXSEED: Monthly average prices per bushel on specified markets in 1928 a/

Month	Minneapolis	Winnipeg	Buenos Aires	Bombay	Margin of Minneapolis price over	
	No. 1	No. 1	4	Bold	Winnipeg	Buenos Aires
	N. W.	N.W.C.	per cent			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Cents	Cents
1928	:	:	:	:	:	:
Jan	2.24	1.83	1.62	1.86	41	62
Feb	2.27	1.84	1.61	1.83	43	66
Mar	2.33	1.90	1.63	1.66	43	70
Apr	2.36	1.94	1.79	1.88	42	57
May	2.46	2.00	1.72	1.95	46	74
June	2.38	1.97	1.68	1.91	41	70
July	2.21	1.86	1.66	1.99	35	55
Aug	2.05	1.82	1.62	1.86	23	43
Sept	2.09	1.86	1.75	1.87	23	34
Oct	2.28	1.93	1.69	1.98	35	59
Nov	2.35	1.96	1.73	1.96	39	62
Dec	2.39	1.91	1.65	1.97	48	74

Compiled from the following - Minneapolis: Minneapolis Daily Market Record; average of daily prices weighted by carlot sales. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain Statistics, Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: Review of the River Plate. Bombay: Indian Trade Journal. For monthly average prices in the same markets, September 1924 to December 1927, see Foreign Service Release FF-22, March 13, 1928.

a/ Bushel of 56 pounds.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries, year beginning September 1, 1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year beginning September 1			Trade in current season to date indicated, with comparisons		
	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	Sept. 1 to	1927-28	1928-29
	1,000:	1,000:	1,000:		1,000:	1,000:
	<u>bushels:</u>	<u>bushels:</u>	<u>bushels:</u>		<u>bushels:</u>	<u>bushels:</u>
Exports:						
Argentina	66,835:	65,935:	a/75,533:	Feb. 23 b/:	38,661:	43,698
India	7,426:	8,255:	8,031:	Feb. 23 c/:	4,017:	2,726
Canada	2,541:	2,939:	2,425:	Jan. 31	525:	1,081
Russia & Danube b/ ..	1,190:	811:	83:	Feb. 23	---	47
Total above exports:	77,992:	78,045:	86,072:		43,203:	47,552
Imports:						
United States	19,971:	24,093:	18,160:	Jan. 31	7,175:	6,824
United Kingdom	14,952:	14,257:	14,074:	Jan. 31	4,842:	4,557
Total 2 countries	34,923:	38,350:	32,234:		12,017:	11,381
Continent						
Netherlands	14,163:	12,156:	15,733:	Jan. 31	6,282:	7,111
Germany	12,445:	13,767:	18,727:	Dec. 31	5,497:	5,448
Belgium	3,597:	3,439:	4,666:	Dec. 31	1,561:	1,902
France	6,786:	6,953:	8,011:	Dec. 31	2,827:	3,086
Total 4 continental:						
countries	36,991:	36,315:	47,137:		16,167:	17,547
Total above imports:	71,914:	74,665:	79,371:		28,184:	28,928

a/ Official figures through July 12, trade figures to date.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures to December 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons, 1926-1929

Country	Year	1926	1927	1928	Period	1927	1928	1929
	begin.							
		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000
		<u>bushels:</u>	<u>bushels:</u>	<u>bushels:</u>		<u>bushels:</u>	<u>bushels:</u>	<u>bushels:</u>
					Jan. 1 to:			
Argentina: Jan. 1:		65,866:	74,585:	a/75,439:	Feb. 23 b/:	13,551:	15,574:	19,530
					Apr. 1 to:			
India ... Apr. 1:		7,675:	8,900:		Feb. 23 c/:	8,295:	6,135:	

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures through December 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Acreage and production in countries reporting for 1928,
average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country <u>a/</u>	Average : : 1909- : : 1913 <u>b/</u>	: 1925 :	: 1926 :	: 1927 :	: 1928 :	Percentage : 1928 is : of 1927
ACREAGE	: 1,000 : : <u>acres</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>acres</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>acres</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>acres</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>acres</u> :	Per cent
Countries producing seed only (6)	: : 7,773:	: : 10,363:	: : 10,546:	: : 10,608:	: : 10,662:	: 100.5
Countries producing seed and fiber (17) :	: : 4,227:	: : 5,437:	: : 5,287:	: : 5,444:	: : 5,480:	: 100.7
Total countries reporting (23) ...:	: : 12,000:	: : 15,800:	: : 15,833:	: : 16,052:	: : 16,142:	: 100.6
India, 1st estimate ...:	2,948:	2,768:	2,734:	2,574:	2,568:	99.8
India, final estimate :	3,825:	3,596:	3,331:	3,352:	:	:
Other countries <u>c/</u>:	45:	90:	79:	83:	:	:
Estimated world total :	15,870:	19,486:	19,243:	19,487:	:	:
PRODUCTION	: 1,000 : : <u>bushels</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>bushels</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>bushels</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>bushels</u> :	: 1,000 : : <u>bushels</u> :	:
Countries previously reported and un- changed (12)	: : 44,239:	: : 53,711:	: : 47,435:	: : 55,500:	: : 49,365:	: 88.9
Canada, revised	12,040:	6,237:	5,995:	4,885:	3,614:	74.0
Estonia, revised:	733:	489:	475:	368:	229:	62.2
Argentina, revised ...:	31,117:	75,113:	69,091:	79,444:	<u>d/</u> 94,000:	118.3
Bulgaria, new	6:	4:	2:	3:	3:	:
Total countries re- ported (16)	: : 88,135:	: : 135,554:	: : 122,998:	: : 140,200:	: : 147,211:	: 105.0
Est. world total ...:	111,200:	155,400:	142,400:	157,100:	:	:

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ Estimates for present boundaries.

c/ Partly estimated.

d/ Trade estimate.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON FLAX AND FLAYSEED

THE FLAYSEED SITUATION IN MARCH, 1929

The price of flaxseed at Minneapolis and Winnipeg declined somewhat during March but remained well above the March level of the past three years, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The Buenos Aires market remained firm with prices about the same as those of March, 1928 and above the level of 1926 and 1927. Commercial stocks reported to the governments of the United States and Canada at the end of March show a further decrease. The total for the two countries was only 1,981,000 bushels compared with 5,113,000 bushels at the corresponding time in 1928, and 5,477,000 bushels in 1927. Shipments from Argentina and Canada continue well above those of last season, but shipments from India are lower. Exports from Argentina, India and Russia from September 1 through March 23, and Canada from September 1 to February 28, were 55,921,000 bushels compared with 52,087,000 bushels for the corresponding period last year. Imports into the United States and the United Kingdom from September 1 through February 28 were 15,422,000 bushels compared with 14,444,000 bushels imported during the same time last year. Imports into the United States from March through August must be considerably above imports of recent months if the supply of flaxseed for the crop year ending August 31 is to be maintained at the level of last year when some 44,000,000 bushels were available. Total imports into the countries of continental Europe from September 1 to January 31 are slightly above those of last year.

Production

The area sown to flaxseed in India by March, the time of the second forecast, was 2,742,000 acres or 3.5 per cent above the 2,649,000 acres sown at the corresponding time in 1928. The total acreage sown last year was 3,352,000 acres. The government of India reported at the time of the second forecast that severe cold and frost at the end of January had severely damaged the crops in places and the condition of the crops, on the whole, was regarded as only fair. In the Central Provinces and Berar where the area sown to linseed during the past 5 years has averaged 30.7 per cent of the total area under that crop in India, the average condition of linseed was estimated at 74 per cent of normal against 102 per cent in the corresponding forecast of last year. In the United Provinces the average condition for this year is estimated at 60 per cent of normal. Conditions are more promising in Bengal, Punjab and Hyderabad but these are regions of minor importance. The total production in India last season was 14,040,000 bushels. Statistics of world production remain as reported in March, see table, page 3.

Prices

A rapid decline in the price of flaxseed at Minneapolis compared with minor changes in the markets of Winnipeg and Buenos Aires has considerably reduced the unusually high margins of last month of the Minneapolis price over those of the other two markets. The average price of flaxseed at Minneapolis the fourth week of March had dropped to \$2.43 per bushel, compared with \$2.04 per bushel in Winnipeg and \$1.66 per bushel in Buenos Aires. Prices are still somewhat high for this season of the year. For weekly average prices for January through March 1928 and 1929, see table page 3.

Stocks

Stocks of flaxseed in the commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada continue to decrease. The stocks on March 30, 1929 were 3,132,000 bushels below stocks reported for the corresponding date in 1928, and 3,496,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 681,000 bushels compared with 2,178,000 bushels in 1928, and 2,014,000 bushels in 1927. The stocks in store in Canada on March 29 were 1,300,000 bushels compared with 2,935,000 bushels last year and 3,463,000 bushels in 1927.

Imports and exports

Imports of flaxseed into the United States have increased rapidly since the beginning of the present crop season. The total for February was 2,529,000 bushels, the highest monthly total since June, 1927. As previously indicated, this total must be exceeded in the six remaining months of the crop year ending August 31, 1929, if the consumption, as indicated by the supply available, is to be maintained at the level of last year. Roughly estimated, the supply for the year ended August 31, 1928 was about 44,000,000 bushels. Of this total supply, net imports in the form of oil and seed provided an equivalent of approximately 18,000,000 bushels of seed while the domestic production was 25,847,000 bushels. During the first six months of the present crop year, the imports of oil and seed on a seed basis were approximately 9,300,000 bushels; domestic production in 1928 was 19,321,000 bushels, leaving a balance of 15,500,000 bushels still required to bring the available supply up to that of last year.

Imports of flaxseed into the United Kingdom show an important increase during February, the total for the month being above that of January and also above the total of February 1928. Total imports from September 1 to February 28 were 6,069,000 bushels compared with 6,005,000 bushels imported during the same period last year. Imports into Germany and the Netherlands increased during January while those of France and Belgium decreased. Total imports into these countries from September 1 to January 31 of the present season have been 20,566,000 bushels compared with 19,558,000 bushels last season. Shipments from Argentina from the beginning of the Argentine season on January 1 through the week ended March 23 have been 27,719,000 bushels compared with 24,121,000 bushels during the same period of 1928, and 21,961,000 bushels in 1927 so that with price considerably above last year, demand in the consuming centers is evidently greater than a year ago. See tables, page 4.

FLAXSEED: Weekly average price per bushel in specified
markets in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 N.W.C.		No. 1 N.W.		4% early del.		Winnipeg		Buenos Aires	
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929
	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
January-										
1st week	1.81	1.87	2.18	2.39	1.60	1.59	37	52	58	80
2nd "	1.83	1.90	2.24	2.44	1.61	1.61	41	54	63	83
3rd "	1.84	1.92	2.28	2.46	1.65	1.64	44	54	63	82
4th "	1.83	1.95	2.24	2.47	1.62	1.65	41	52	62	82
5th " a/	1.83	1.96	2.25	2.48	1.62	1.64	42	51	63	84
February-										
1st week	1.83	2.00	2.26	2.54	1.63	1.65	43	54	63	89
2nd "	1.83	2.07	2.27	2.58	1.61	1.66	44	51	66	92
3rd "	1.85	2.08	2.27	2.55	1.62	1.67	42	47	65	88
4th " b/	1.86	2.08	2.28	2.56	1.61	1.66	42	48	67	90
March-										
1st week	1.88	2.09	2.30	2.54	1.63	1.65	42	45	67	89
2nd "	1.92	2.10	2.33	2.51	1.66	1.67	41	41	67	84
3rd "	1.93	2.06	2.37	2.44	1.68	1.65	44	38	69	79
4th "	1.91	2.04	2.34	2.43	1.68	1.66	43	39	66	77

Compiled from + Minneapolis: Minneapolis Daily Market Record, average daily prices weighted by carlot sales. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain Statistics. Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New York Journal of Commerce. For weekly average prices in the same markets, September to December 1927 and 1928 see Foreign Service Release FF-34, January 19, 1929.

a/ Week ended February 2. b/ Week ended March 2.

FLAXSEED: Acreage and production in countries reporting for
1928, average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country a/	Average:					Percentage	
	1909-	1925	1926	1927	1928	1928 is	
	1913					of 1927	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per cent	
ACREAGE	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres		
Countries producing							
seed only (6)	7,773	10,363	10,546	10,608	10,662	100.5	
Countries prod. seed							
and fiber (17)	4,227	5,437	5,287	5,444	5,480	100.7	
Total reptg. b/(23)	12,000	15,800	15,833	16,052	16,142	100.6	
Est. world total . . .	15,870	19,486	19,243	19,487			
PRODUCTION							
Total coun. rept. (16)	88,135	135,554	122,998	140,200	147,211	105.0	
Est. world total . . .	111,200	155,400	142,400	157,100			

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ This total does not include figures for India which reported an area of 2,742,000 acres sown at the time of the second forecast in March 1929. The area sown at the corresponding date last year was 2,649,000 acres, and the final area reported 3,352,000 acres.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries, year beginning September 1, 1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year beginning September 1			Trade in current season to date indicated, with comparisons		
	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	Sept. 1 to	1927-28	1928-29
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	:	: 1,000	: 1,000
Exports:	: bushels	: bushels	: bushels	:	: bushels	: bushels
Argentina	66,835	65,935	75,533	Mar. 23 ^b /	47,208	51,887
India	7,426	8,255	8,031	Mar. 23 ^c /	4,354	2,866
Canada	2,541	2,939	2,425	Feb. 28	525	1,121
Russia and Danube b/	1,190	811	83	Mar. 23	-	47
Total above exports	77,992	78,045	86,072	:	52,087	55,921
Imports:	:	:	:	:	:	:
United States	19,971	24,093	18,160	Feb. 28	8,439	9,353
United Kingdom	14,952	14,257	14,074	Feb. 28	6,005	6,069
Total 2 countries ..	34,923	38,350	32,234	:	14,444	15,422
Continent	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	14,163	12,156	15,733	Feb. 28	7,315	8,418
Germany	12,445	13,767	18,727	Jan. 31	7,175	6,503
Belgium	3,597	3,439	4,666	Dec. 31	1,561	1,902
France	6,786	6,953	8,011	Jan. 31	3,507	3,743
Total 4 continental	:	:	:	:	:	:
countries	36,991	36,315	47,137	:	19,558	20,566
Total above imports	71,914	74,665	79,371	:	34,002	35,988

a/ Official figures through July 12, trade figures to date.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures to January 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons,
1926-1929

Country	Year : begin- ning	1926	1927	1928	Period	1927	1928	1929
	:	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	:	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	:	: bushels	: bushels	: bushels	:	: bushels	: bushels	: bushels
	:	:	:	:	Jan. 1 to	:	:	:
Argentina	Jan. 1:	65,866	74,585	75,439	Mar. 23 ^b /	21,961	24,121	27,719
	:	:	:	:	Apr. 1 to	:	:	:
India	Apr. 1:	7,675	8,900	:	Mar. 23 ^c /	8,633	6,276	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures through January 31, trade figures to date.

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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN APRIL, 1929

Flaxseed prices in Minneapolis and Winnipeg in April remained above the April average of the past three years, but declined slightly from the high levels of February and March, 1929, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. In Buenos Aires, prices remained firm and although slightly below those of April 1928 were above the April average of 1926 and 1927. Commercial stocks reported to the governments of the United States and Canada at the close of the fourth week of April were only 1,720,000 bushels compared with 4,500,000 bushels at the corresponding time in 1928, and 4,839,000 bushels in 1927. The demand for Argentine seed continues strong and exports are leaving the country in large quantities. The large Argentine supply is being drawn upon strongly by the United States to make up for the shortage of last year's domestic crop. Exports from Argentina, India and Russia from September 1 to April 20 of the present season, and from Canada from September 1 to March 31 amounted to 62,350,000 bushels, compared with 59,364,000 bushels exported during the corresponding period last season. Imports into the United States and the United Kingdom from September 1 through March 31 were 19,845,000 bushels compared with 17,517,000 bushels for the same period last year. Imports into three important continental European countries from September 1 through February 28 are slightly above those of last year. Production statistics remain as reported in last month's review.

Prices

A slight upward trend was noticeable in the price of flaxseed on the Minneapolis market the first half of April. In the last two weeks of the month prices declined and the average of \$2.43 per bushel the fourth week of April was the same as the average price for the fourth week of March. The decline in price at Winnipeg to \$2.00 per bushel for the fourth week of April caused an increase in the margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Winnipeg. Prices in all three markets remain fairly high for this season of the year. For weekly average prices for January through March, 1928 and 1929, see table, page 3.

Stocks

Stocks of flaxseed in the commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada have declined to a point not reached in recent years until the last month of the North American season.

The stocks in North America on April 27 were 2,780,000 bushels below stocks reported for the corresponding date in 1928, and 3,119,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 556,000 bushels compared with 1,691,000 in 1928, and 1,834,000 bushels in 1927. The stocks in store in Canada on April 26 were 1,164,000 bushels, compared with 2,809,000 bushels last year, and 3,005,000 bushels in 1927.

Imports and exports

Imports of flaxseed into the United States during March were large, exceeding those of February and amounting to 2,736,663 bushels. Imports for the five remaining months of this crop season ending August 31 must remain approximately at this level if the quantity available for consumption in the present season is to equal that of last year. Imports also increased in the United Kingdom during March and imports for the month were the highest since March, 1927 with the exception of April, 1928. Total imports from September 1 to March 31 were 7,555,000 bushels compared with 7,427,000 bushels imported during the same period last season. Imports into France and Germany decreased during February while imports into the Netherlands show an increase. Total imports into these countries from September 1 to February 28 of the present season have been 20,061,000 bushels compared with imports of 19,709,000 bushels last season. Exports from Argentina from the beginning of the Argentine season on January 1 through the week ended April 20 have been 33,746,000 bushels compared with 30,923,000 bushels during the same period of 1928, and 27,224,000 bushels in 1927. Exports from India during the first three weeks of the new season beginning April 1 were below those of the same weeks in 1928 and 1927. See table, page 4.

FLAXSEED: Weekly average price per bushel in specified
markets in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 N.W.C.		No. 1 N.W.		4% early del.		Winnipeg			
	1928		1929		1928		1929			
	Dolls		Dolls		Dolls		Cents			
January-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.81:	1.87:	2.18:	2.39:	1.60:	1.59:	37 :	52 :	58 :	80
2nd "	1.83:	1.90:	2.24:	2.44:	1.61:	1.61:	41 :	54 :	63 :	83
3rd "	1.84:	1.92:	2.28:	2.46:	1.65:	1.64:	44 :	54 :	63 :	82
4th "	1.83:	1.95:	2.24:	2.47:	1.62:	1.65:	41 :	52 :	62 :	82
5th " a/	1.83:	1.96:	2.25:	2.48:	1.62:	1.64:	42 :	51 :	63 :	84
February-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.83:	2.00:	2.26:	2.54:	1.63:	1.65:	43 :	54 :	63 :	89
2nd "	1.83:	2.07:	2.27:	2.58:	1.61:	1.66:	44 :	51 :	66 :	92
3rd "	1.85:	2.08:	2.27:	2.55:	1.62:	1.67:	42 :	47 :	65 :	88
4th " b/	1.86:	2.08:	2.28:	2.56:	1.61:	1.66:	42 :	48 :	67 :	90
March-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.88:	2.09:	2.30:	2.54:	1.63:	1.65:	42 :	45 :	67 :	89
2nd "	1.92:	2.10:	2.33:	2.51:	1.66:	1.67:	41 :	41 :	67 :	84
3rd "	1.92:	2.06:	2.37:	2.44:	1.68:	1.65:	45 :	38 :	69 :	79
4th "	1.91:	2.04:	2.34:	2.43:	1.68:	1.66:	43 :	39 :	66 :	77
April-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.92:	2.04:	2.36:	2.46:	1.68:	1.67:	44 :	42 :	68 :	79
2nd "	1.93:	2.04:	2.33:	2.48:	1.68:	1.67:	40 :	44 :	65 :	81
3rd "	1.94:	2.03:	2.36:	2.46:	1.70:	1.67:	42 :	43 :	66 :	79
4th "	1.96:	2.00:	2.38:	2.43:	1.70:	1.67:	42 :	43 :	68 :	76

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Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New York Journal of Commerce. For weekly average prices in the same markets, September to December 1927 and 1928 see Foreign Service release FF-34, January 19, 1929.

a/ Week ended February 2. b/ Week ended March 2.

FLAXSEED: Acreage and production in countries reporting for 1928,
average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country <u>a/</u>	Average : :1909-1913:	1925 :	1926 :	1927 :	1928 :	Percentage 1928 : is of 1927
ACREAGE	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: <u>Per cent</u>
Countries producing	: <u>acres</u>	: <u>acres</u>	: <u>acres</u>	: <u>acres</u>	: <u>acres</u>	:
seed only (6)	: 7,773	: 10,363	: 10,546	: 10,608	: 10,662	: 100.5
Countries prod. seed:	: :	: :	: :	: :	: :	:
and fiber (17) ...	: 4,227	: 5,437	: 5,287	: 5,444	: 5,480	: 100.7
Total reptg.(23) <u>b/</u>	: 12,000	: 15,800	: 15,833	: 16,052	: 16,142	: 100.6
Est. world total ..	: 15,870	: 19,486	: 19,243	: 19,487	:	:
PRODUCTION	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	:
	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>	: <u>bushels</u>
Total coun.rept.(16)	: 88,135	: 135,554	: 122,998	: 140,200	: 147,211	: 105.0
Est. world total ...	: 111,200	: 155,400	: 142,400	: 157,100	:	:

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ This total does not include figures for India which reported an area of 2,742,000 acres sown at the time of the second forecast in March, 1929. The area sown at the corresponding date last year was 2,649,000 acres, and the final area reported 3,352,000 acres.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries, year beginning September 1, 1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year beginning September 1			Trade in current season to date indicated, with comparisons		
	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	Sept. 1 to	1927-28	1928-29
	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
Exports:	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Argentina	66,835	35,935 ^a	75,533 ^a	April 20 ^b	54,011	57,314
India	7,426	8,255	8,031	April 20 ^c	4,826	3,259
Canada	2,541	2,939	2,425	March 31	527	1,130
Russia and Danube ^b	1,190	811	83	April 20	--	47
Total above exports:	77,992	77,940	86,072		59,364	62,350
Imports:						
United States	19,971	24,093	18,160	March 31	10,090	12,090
United Kingdom	14,952	14,257	14,074	March 31	7,427	7,755
Total 2 countries :	34,923	38,350	32,234		17,517	19,845
Continent						
Netherlands	14,163	12,156	15,733	February 28	7,316	8,418
Germany	12,445	13,767	18,727	February 28	8,392	7,342
Belgium	3,597	3,439	4,666	d/		
France	6,786	6,953	8,011	February 28	4,001	4,301
Total 4 continen- tal countries	36,991	36,315	47,137		19,709	20,061
Total above imports:	71,914	74,665	79,371		37,226	39,906

a/ Official figures through July 12, trade figures to date.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures to February 28, trade figures to date.

d/ Not separately classified after December 31, 1928.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons,
1926-1929

Country	Year begin- ning	1926	1927	1928	Period	1927	1928	1929
		1,000	1,000	1,000	Jan. 1 to	1,000	1,000	1,000
		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Argentina	Jan. 1	65,866	74,585 ^a	75,439 ^a	Apr. 20 ^b to	27,224	30,923	33,746
India	Apr. 1	7,675	8,900 ^a	6,454 ^a	Apr. 20 ^b to	313	208	159

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures through February 28, trade figures to date.

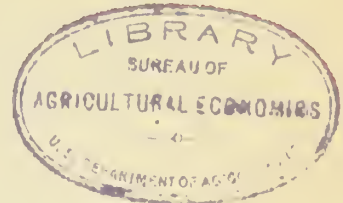
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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN MAY 1929



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Flaxseed prices strengthened considerably the middle of May in Minneapolis and Winnipeg, with the announcement on May 14 of the increase in the United States tariff on flaxseed to become effective June 13, but declined again during the last days of the month, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The announcement of an increase caused increased interest in Canadian seed which could be brought to lake ports before the duty became operative. Shipments from Buenos Aires require about four weeks en route, making it impossible to bring in large supplies from Argentina before the date set for the increase. Prices at Buenos Aires remained steady and somewhat below the prices of May 1928. Heavy imports into the United States have done much to maintain high price levels in Canada. Imports during April were 3,911,122 bushels, the highest monthly total since May 1923.

Commercial stocks reported to the governments of the United States and Canada as of June 1 were 1,334,000 bushels, compared with 2,949,000 bushels at the corresponding date in 1928, and 3,990,000 bushels in 1927. Large quantities of seed continue to leave Argentine ports and shipments to May 25 of the current season were above those of last season. Exports from Argentina, India and Russia from September 1 to May 25, and from Canada from September 1 to April 30 were 72,563,000 bushels, compared with 65,409,000 bushels exported during the corresponding period last season. Imports into the United States and the United Kingdom from September 1 through April 30 were 24,832,000 bushels, compared with 21,282,000 bushels for the same period last year. Imports into four important continental European countries from September 1 through March 31 were about equal to those of last season. Production statistics remain as previously reported.

Prices

The average price of flaxseed in May 1929 in Winnipeg and Minneapolis was equal to or above the May average for the past three years, while in Buenos Aires prices were lower than in 1927 and 1928. The price rose to \$2.50 per bushel in Minneapolis and \$2.13 per bushel in Winnipeg for the fourth week of May but dropped to \$2.40 and \$2.07 respectively the following week. The steady market in Buenos Aires, with rising prices in Minneapolis brought the margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Buenos Aires to an average of 78 cents per bushel, the highest May margin reported during the past five years. For weekly average prices for January through May 1928 and 1929, see table, page 3.

Stocks

Flaxseed stocks in commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada remain very low. The stocks in North America on June 1 were 1,615,000 bushels below stocks reported for the corresponding date in 1928, and 2,656,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 398,000 bushels, compared with 882,000 bushels in 1928, and 1,429,000 bushels in 1927. Stocks in store in the Western Grain Inspection Division of Canada on June 1 were 936,000 bushels, compared with 2,067,000 bushels in 1928, and 2,561,000 bushels in 1927.

Imports and exports

Imports of flaxseed into the United States have increased rapidly in recent months and in April reached the highest total since May 1923. If imports continue at this rate during the four remaining months of the present season ending August 31, the quantity available for consumption in this season will exceed the amount available last year in spite of the short crops of 1928 in North America. Imports into the United Kingdom during April were small, being below those of the previous month and also below the imports of April 1928. Total imports from September 1 to April 30 were 8,831,000 bushels, compared with 9,474,000 bushels imported during the same months last season. Imports into the important countries of continental Europe increased during March and the total for the month was above the total for February and also above the total for March 1928. Imports into these countries from September 1 through March 31 of the present season were 28,945,000 bushels, compared with 28,500,000 bushels imported during the same period last year. Exports from Argentina from the beginning of the Argentine season on January 1 through the week ended May 25 were 43,525,000 bushels, compared with 36,199,000 bushels during the same period last year. Exports from India during the first 2 months of the present season beginning April 1 were below those of last year. See table, page 4.

FLAXSEED: Acreage and production in countries reporting for 1928,
average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country a/	Average 1909-13	1925	1926	1927	1928	Percentage 1928 is of 1927
ACREAGE	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Countries producing seed only (6)	acres 7,773	acres 10,363	acres 10,546	acres 10,608	acres 10,662	Per cent 100.5
Countries prod. seed and fiber (17) ...	4,227	5,437	5,287	5,444	5,480	100.7
Total reptg. (23) b/	12,000	15,800	15,833	16,052	16,142	100.6
Est. world total	15,870	19,486	19,243	19,487		
PRODUCTION	1,000 bu	1,000 bu	1,000 bu	1,000 bu	1,000 bu	
Total coun. rept. (16)	88,135	135,554	122,998	140,200	147,211	105.0
Est. world total	111,200	155,400	142,400	157,100		

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ This total does not include figures for India which reported an area of 2,742,000 acres sown at the time of the second forecast in March 1929. The area sown at the corresponding date last year was 2,649,000 acres, and the final area reported 3,352,000 acres.

FLAXSEED: Weekly average price per bushel in specified markets
in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 N.W.C.		No. 1 N.W.		4% early del.		Winnipeg : Buenos Aires			
	1928		1929		1928		1928 : 1929 : 1928 : 1929			
	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
January-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.81	1.87	2.18	2.39	1.60	1.59	37	52	58	80
2nd "	1.83	1.90	2.24	2.44	1.61	1.61	41	54	63	83
3rd "	1.84	1.92	2.28	2.46	1.65	1.64	44	54	63	82
4th "	1.83	1.95	2.24	2.47	1.62	1.65	41	52	62	82
5th " a/	1.83	1.96	2.25	2.48	1.62	1.64	42	51	63	84
February-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.83	2.00	2.26	2.54	1.63	1.65	43	54	63	89
2nd "	1.83	2.07	2.27	2.58	1.61	1.66	44	51	66	92
3rd "	1.85	2.08	2.27	2.55	1.62	1.67	42	47	65	88
4th " b/	1.86	2.08	2.28	2.56	1.61	1.66	42	48	67	90
March-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.88	2.09	2.30	2.54	1.63	1.65	42	45	67	89
2nd "	1.92	2.10	2.33	2.51	1.66	1.67	41	41	67	84
3rd "	1.92	2.06	2.37	2.44	1.68	1.65	45	38	69	79
4th "	1.91	2.04	2.34	2.43	1.68	1.66	43	39	66	77
April-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.92	2.04	2.36	2.46	1.68	1.67	44	42	68	79
2nd "	1.93	2.04	2.33	2.48	1.68	1.67	40	44	65	81
3rd "	1.94	2.03	2.36	2.46	1.70	1.67	42	43	66	79
4th "	1.96	2.00	2.38	2.43	1.70	1.67	42	43	68	76
May-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week	1.98	2.02	2.44	2.45	1.73	1.66	46	43	71	79
2nd "	2.01	2.00	2.49	2.43	1.72	1.66	48	43	77	77
3rd "	2.00	2.06	2.46	2.46	1.73	1.68	46	40	73	78
4th "	2.01	2.13	2.46	2.50	1.74	1.68	45	37	72	82
5th "	2.00	2.07	2.41	2.40	1.72	1.65	41	33	69	75
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

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a/ Week ended February 2. b/ Week ended March 2.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries, year beginning September 1, 1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year beginning:			Trade in current season to		
	September 1			date indicated, with		
				comparisons		
	1925- 26	1926- 27	1927- 28	Sept. 1 to-	1927- 28	1928- 29
	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
Exports:						
Argentina	66,835	65,935	75,786	May 25 a/	59,286	67,693
India	7,426	8,360	8,031	May 25 b/	5,596	3,691
Canada	2,541	2,939	2,425	April 30	527	1,132
Russia & Danube a/	1,190	811	83	May 25	--	47
Total above exp.	77,992	78,045	86,325		65,409	72,563
Imports:						
United States	19,971	24,093	18,160	April 30	11,808	16,001
United Kingdom	14,952	14,257	14,074	April 30	9,474	8,831
Total 2 countries:	34,923	38,350	32,234		21,282	24,832
Continent						
Netherlands	14,163	12,156	15,733	April 30	11,346	12,031
Germany	12,445	13,767	18,727	March 31	9,941	9,096
Belgium	3,597	3,439	4,666	March 31	2,683	2,721
France	6,786	6,953	8,011	March 31	4,530	5,097
Total 4 continen-						
al countries ...	36,991	36,315	47,137		28,500	28,945
Total above						
imports	71,914	74,665	79,371		49,782	53,777

a/ Trade figures.

b/ Official figures to March 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons, 1926-1929

Country	Year begin- ning	1926	1927	1928	Period	1928	1929
		1,000	1,000	1,000	Jan. 1 to-	1,000	1,000
		bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
Argentina	Jan. 1	65,866	74,585	a/ 75,439	May 25 b/	36,199	43,525
					April 1 to:		
India	Apr. 1	7,675	8,900	c/ 6,454	May 25 c/	974	831

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures through March 31, trade figures to date.

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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN JUNE 1929

Production of flaxseed in the United States for 1929, based on the crop condition of July 1, is estimated at 19,900,000 bushels compared with last year's crop of 18,700,000 bushels. The acreage reported July 1 was 3,092,000 acres, or 117.2 per cent of the acreage harvested in 1928. The acreage sown in Canada is estimated at 369,000 acres compared with 378,000 in 1928. The condition of the Canadian crop on June 30 was 91 per cent of the ten-year average compared with 98 per cent at that date last year. No estimate of production is available.

Flaxseed prices advanced during June in Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires, and at the close of the month were equal to or above the June averages of the past three years, according to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Commercial stocks reported to the governments of the United States and Canada as of June 29 were 981,000 bushels compared with 2,571,000 bushels at the corresponding time in 1928 and 3,550,000 bushels in 1927. Shipments of flaxseed from Argentina during the first three weeks of June were not as heavy as during the corresponding period of last year. Shipments from January 1 to June 22 of the present season were well above those of last year, however, and it is estimated that only about one-third of the large crop of 83,000,000 bushels remained for export between July 1 and December 1929 when the new crop begins to enter the market. Exports from Argentina, India and Russia from September 1 to June 22 and Canada from September 1 to May 31 were 78,174,000 bushels compared with 72,748,000 bushels exported during the corresponding period last season. Imports into the United States and United Kingdom from September 1 through May 31 were 28,469,000 bushels compared with 24,985,000 bushels last season. Imports into four important continental European countries from September 1 to May 31 were about equal to those of last season.

Prices

The average price of flaxseed in Minneapolis and Winnipeg in June 1929 was above the June averages of the three preceding years. In Buenos Aires the price was somewhat lower than the past two years during the beginning of June but rose during the month until it attained a level about

equal to that of 1927 and 1928. The high level of prices in Minneapolis increased the margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Buenos Aires to an average of 81 cents per bushel, which is a very wide margin for this period of the year. The margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Winnipeg was slightly below that of last June. See table, page 6.

Stocks

Flaxseed stocks in commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada on June 29 were 1,590,000 bushels below those reported at the corresponding time in 1928, and 2,569,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 434,000 bushels compared with 781,000 bushels in 1928, and 1,445,000 bushels in 1927. Stocks in store in the Western Grain Inspection Division of Canada were 547,000 bushels compared with 1,790,000 bushels in 1928, and 2,105,000 bushels in 1927.

Imports and exports

Imports of flaxseed into the United States continued large during May and although the total of 2,518,000 bushels was somewhat below that of April, it was above the May imports of the past four years. Imports into the United Kingdom were slightly above those of April, but were below the imports for May 1928. Total imports into the United Kingdom from September 1 to May 31 were 9,951,000 bushels compared with 11,021,000 bushels imported during the same period last season. Imports into four continental European countries from September 1 to April 30 were 33,309,000 bushels, or just slightly above the 33,131,000 bushels imported by the same countries during the same months of the previous season. Exports from Argentina from the beginning of the Argentine season on January 1 through the week ended June 22 were 47,919,000 bushels compared with 42,000,000 bushels during the same period last year. Exports from India during the present season beginning April 1 have been below those of last season. See tables. pages 3 and 4.

Acreage and production

Figures on acreage and production of flaxseed for the past season are now available for all important countries and an estimated world total may be considered for use with the 1929 estimates now being received.

The acreage sown to flaxseed in 27 countries reporting for 1928 was 19,392,000 acres compared with 19,396,000 acres reported by the same countries in 1927. Since these countries accounted for 99.8 per cent of the estimated world total for 1927, it is evident that unless revisions are reported for the important producing countries the world total acreage for 1928 was about equal to that of 1927.

The production of flaxseed in 1928 was 4.6 per cent below that of 1927. The crop of Argentina amounted to 83,000,000 bushels compared with 79,444,000 bushels in 1927, and was a record crop for the country. The increase was not sufficient to balance decreases in Northern Hemisphere countries, however, and the total production in 20 countries which provide over 99 per cent of the world total was 151,332,000 bushels compared with 158,617,000 bushels in 1927. For estimates of acreage and production for the chief producing countries, together with estimated world totals, average 1909-1913 and annual 1925-1928, see pages 4 and 5.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries, year beginning September 1, 1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year			Trade in current season to		
	beginning September 1			date indicated,		
				with comparisons		
	1925- 26	1926- 27	1927- 28	Sept. 1 to-	1927- 28	1928- 29
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Exports:						
Argentina	66,835	65,935	75,786	June 22 <u>a/</u>	65,097	72,086
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Canada	2,541	2,939	2,425	May 31	1,016	1,376
Russia & Danube <u>a/</u>	1,190	811	83	June 22	-	47
Total above ex- ports	77,992	78,045	86,325		72,748	78,174
Imports:						
United States	19,971	24,093	18,160	May 31	13,964	18,518
United Kingdom	14,952	14,257	14,074	May 31	11,021	9,951
Total 2 countries	34,923	38,350	32,234		24,985	28,469
Continent						
Netherlands	14,163	12,156	15,733	May 31	12,720	13,161
Germany	12,445	13,767	18,727	April 30	11,969	10,811
Belgium	3,597	3,439	4,666	April 30	2,891	3,102
France	6,786	6,953	8,011	April 30	5,551	6,235
Total 4 continen- tal countries	36,991	36,315	47,137		33,131	33,309
Total above imports	71,914	74,665	79,371		58,116	61,778

a/ Trade figures.

b/ Official figures to April 30, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons,
1926-1929

Country	: Year	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: beginn-	: 1926	: 1927	: 1928	: Period	: 1928	: 1929
	: ing	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: Jan. 1	: 1,000	: 1,000
	:	: bushels:	: bushels:	: bushels:	: to-	: bushels:	: bushels
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Argentina	: Jan. 1	: 65,866:	74,585:	a/75,439:	June 22 b/	: 42,009:	47,919
	:	:	:	:	: April 1	:	:
	:	:	:	:	: to	:	:
India	: Apr. 1	: 7,675:	8,900:	6,454:	June 22 c/	: 2,014:	1,805
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Official figures through April 30, trade figures to date.

FLAX: Acreage in countries reporting for 1928, average 1909-1913,
annual 1925-1928

Country a/	: Average :	:	:	:	:	: Percentage
	: 1909-	: 1925	: 1926	: 1927	: 1928	: 1928 is
	: 1913 b/	:	:	:	:	: of 1927
Countries producing seed only	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	:
	: acres	: acres	: acres	: acres	: acres	: Per cent
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Canada	: 1,035	: 843:	738:	476:	378:	79.4
United States	: 2,490	: 3,078:	2,907:	2,837:	2,638:	93.0
Argentina	: 4,113	: 6,201:	6,672:	7,055:	7,297:	103.4
Uruguay	: 127	: 185:	175:	175:	204:	116.6
India	: 3,818	: 3,695:	3,596:	3,331:	3,311:	99.4
Tunis and Morocco	: 26	: 55:	54:	65:	62:	95.4
Total producing seed only (7)	: 11,609	: 14,057:	14,142:	13,939:	13,890:	99.6
Countries producing seed and fiber	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	:	:
Russia	: 3,165	: 4,241:	4,168:	4,351:	4,292:	98.6
Lithuania	: 143	: 188:	200:	208:	236:	113.5
Latvia	: 162	: 193:	158:	156:	170:	109.0
Poland	: 192	: 266:	268:	271:	282:	104.1
Other countries (16)	: 577	: 565:	506:	471:	522:	110.8
Total producing seed and fiber (20)	: 4,239	: 5,453:	5,300:	5,457:	5,502:	100.8
Total reporting (27)	: 15,848	: 19,510:	19,442:	19,396:	19,392:	100.0
Estimated world total	: 15,862	: 19,585:	19,506:	19,427:	19,431:	100.0
	:	:	:	:	:	:

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ Where changes in territory have occurred figures are estimates for territory within present boundaries.

FLAXSEED: Production in countries reporting for 1928,
average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Country <u>a/</u>	: Average:	:	:	:	:	:Percentage
	: 1909- : 1925 :	1926 :	1927 :	1928 :	1928 is	
	: 1913 b/:	:	:	:	: of 1927	
	: 1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	
	: bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	Per cent
Canada	12,040 :	6,237:	5,995:	4,885:	3,614:	74.0
United States	19,543 :	22,424:	19,335:	25,847:	18,700:	72.3
Uruguay	951 :	2,030:	1,970:	1,954:	2,284:	116.9
India	19,870 :	20,040:	16,080:	16,240:	13,920:	85.7
Russia	18,984 :	23,991:	20,507:	22,507:	22,755:	101.1
Lithuania	1,126 :	1,571:	1,574:	1,405:	1,000:	71.2
Latvia	953 :	1,099:	971:	655:	411:	62.7
Poland	1,703 :	2,441:	2,814:	3,041:	2,413:	79.3
Other countries reported :	:	:	:	:	:	
(11)	3,356 :	3,562:	3,176:	2,639:	3,235:	122.6
Total above countries :	:	:	:	:	:	
(19)	78,526 :	83,395:	72,422:	79,173:	68,332:	86.3
Argentina	31,117 :	75,113:	69,091:	79,444:	83,000:	104.5
Total including :	:	:	:	:	:	
Argentina (20)	109,643 :	158,508:	141,513:	158,617:	151,332:	95.4
Estimated world total .:	110,767 :	159,317:	142,210:	159,062:	151,810:	95.4
	:	:	:	:	:	

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ Where changes in territory have occurred figures are estimates for territory within present boundaries.

FLAXSEED: Weekly average price per bushel in specified markets in
1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	: Winnipeg		: Minneapolis		: Buenos Aires		: Margin of Minneapolis		: price over	
	: No. 1 N.W.C.		: No. 1, N.W.		: 4% early del.		: Winnipeg		: Buenos Aires	
	: 1928:	: 1929:	: 1928:	: 1929:	: 1928:	: 1929:	: 1928:	: 1929:	: 1928:	: 1929:
	: Dolls:	: Dolls:	: Dolls:	: Dolls:	: Dolls:	: Dolls:	: Cents:	: Cents:	: Cents:	: Cents:
January-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week.....	1.81:	1.87:	2.18:	2.39:	1.60:	1.59:	37 :	52 :	58 :	80
2nd "	1.83:	1.90:	2.24:	2.44:	1.61:	1.61:	41 :	54 :	63 :	83
3rd "	1.84:	1.92:	2.28:	2.46:	1.65:	1.64:	44 :	54 :	63 :	82
4th "	1.83:	1.94:	2.24:	2.47:	1.62:	1.65:	41 :	52 :	62 :	82
5th " <u>a/</u>	1.83:	1.96:	2.25:	2.48:	1.62:	1.64:	42 :	51 :	63 :	84
February-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week.....	1.83:	2.00:	2.26:	2.54:	1.63:	1.65:	43 :	54 :	63 :	89
2nd "	1.83:	2.07:	2.27:	2.58:	1.61:	1.66:	44 :	51 :	66 :	92
3rd "	1.85:	2.08:	2.27:	2.55:	1.62:	1.67:	42 :	47 :	65 :	88
4th " <u>b/</u>	1.86:	2.08:	2.28:	2.56:	1.61:	1.66:	42 :	48 :	67 :	90
March-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week.....	1.88:	2.09:	2.30:	2.54:	1.63:	1.65:	42 :	45 :	67 :	89
2nd "	1.92:	2.10:	2.33:	2.51:	1.66:	1.67:	41 :	41 :	67 :	84
3rd "	1.92:	2.06:	2.37:	2.44:	1.68:	1.65:	45 :	38 :	69 :	79
4th "	1.91:	2.04:	2.34:	2.43:	1.68:	1.66:	43 :	39 :	66 :	77
April-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week.....	1.92:	2.04:	2.36:	2.46:	1.68:	1.67:	44 :	42 :	68 :	79
2nd "	1.93:	2.04:	2.33:	2.48:	1.68:	1.67:	40 :	44 :	65 :	81
3rd "	1.94:	2.03:	2.36:	2.46:	1.70:	1.57:	42 :	43 :	66 :	79
4th "	1.96:	2.00:	2.38:	2.43:	1.70:	1.67:	42 :	43 :	68 :	76
May-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week.....	1.98:	2.02:	2.44:	2.45:	1.73:	1.66:	46 :	43 :	71 :	79
2nd "	2.01:	2.00:	2.49:	2.43:	1.72:	1.66:	48 :	43 :	77 :	77
3rd "	2.00:	2.06:	2.46:	2.46:	1.73:	1.68:	46 :	40 :	73 :	78
4th "	2.01:	2.13:	2.46:	2.50:	1.74:	1.68:	45 :	37 :	72 :	82
5th "	2.00:	2.07:	2.41:	2.40:	1.72:	1.65:	41 :	33 :	69 :	75
June-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week.....	2.00:	2.10:	2.42:	2.41:	1.72:	1.64:	42 :	31 :	70 :	77
2nd "	1.99:	2.12:	2.40:	2.46:	1.70:	1.65:	41 :	34 :	70 :	81
3rd "	1.96:	2.11:	2.38:	2.51:	1.68:	1.66:	42 :	40 :	70 :	85
4th "	1.93:	2.15:	2.34:	2.52:	1.68:	1.70:	41 :	37 :	66 :	82
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Compiled from - Minneapolis: Minneapolis Daily Market Record, average daily prices weighted by carlot sales. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain Statistics, Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New York Journal of Commerce.

a/ Week ended February 2.

b/ Week ended March 2.

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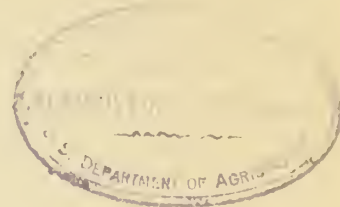
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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN JULY 1929



Production of flaxseed in the United States for 1929 based on the crop condition of August 1 is estimated at 18,000,000 bushels compared with the July estimate of 19,900,000 bushels and a crop of 18,700,000 bushels in 1928, according to information received by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. No estimate of the 1929 crop of Canada has been issued but the acreage estimate of 384,000 acres is slightly above the 378,081 acres of last year. The condition on August 1 was 65 compared with 91 in July 1929 and 98 in August 1928. The late spring in the flax growing countries of Europe caused some delay in seeding and estimates of 1929 acreage are available for only 6 countries which are not of sufficient importance to show the European situation as a whole. See table page 3. In Northern Argentina where much of the flax crop is grown, lack of rain during June and July greatly hindered the progress of sowing; continued drought is causing much anxiety and at the end of July the outlook for the coming crop was unfavorable.

Flaxseed prices in Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires advanced rapidly during July and reached the highest monthly averages since the early months of 1925. The strong position of the market is due to the unfavorable crop prospects in Argentina and North America, reduced estimates by trade sources of the Argentine surplus available for the remainder of the season and a continued demand for seed in spite of advancing prices. Commercial stocks reported to the governments of the United States and Canada as of August 3 were 815,000 bushels compared with 1,789,000 bushels at the corresponding time last year and 2,662,000 bushels in 1927. Flaxseed shipments from Argentina during the past two months have been below the corresponding shipments of 1928 but total shipments for the current season to July 20 are well above those of last year. Exports from Argentina, India and Russia from September 1 to July 20 and Canada from September 1 to June 30 were 83,061,000 bushels compared with 78,875,000 bushels exported during the corresponding period last season. Imports into the United States and United Kingdom from September 1 through June 30 were 31,750,000 bushels compared with 27,864,000 bushels last season. Imports into four important continental European countries during the present season continue to be about equal to those of last season.

Prices

The average price of flaxseed at Minneapolis for July 1929 was \$2.76 per bushel compared with an average of \$2.21 per bushel in 1928 and was the highest July average reported since 1920. The upward movement was evident in all markets but was especially so in Winnipeg where

prices advanced from the June average of \$2.12 per bushel to an average of \$2.70 per bushel for the fourth week of July. As a result of the increase the spread between the Minneapolis price and the price at Winnipeg declined to 15 cents per bushel for the fourth week of the month. The margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Buenos Aires remained about 80 cents per bushel which is a very wide margin for this season of the year.

Stocks

Flaxseed stocks in the commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada on August 3 were 974,000 bushels below stocks reported for the corresponding date last year and 1,847,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 370,000 bushels compared with 596,000 bushels in 1928 and 884,000 bushels in 1927. Stocks in store in the Western Grain Inspection Division of Canada were 445,000 bushels compared with 1,193,000 in 1928 and 1,778,000 bushels in 1927. A revised estimate by an unofficial trade source placed the available surplus of Argentine flaxseed on July 1 at 25,590,000 bushels. During the last six months of 1928 some 33,980,000 bushels were exported.

Imports and exports

The United States continued to take large quantities of flaxseed during June, imports for the month being 2,366,301 bushels compared with 2,517,698 bushels in May 1929 and 1,644,190 bushels in June 1928. The total increase over last year to June 30 is not sufficient to balance the shortage in the 1928 crop, however, and imports during July and August must slightly exceed those of June if the supply is to equal that of last season. Imports into the United Kingdom have declined and during the month of June only 914,000 bushels were imported compared with 1,120,000 bushels in May 1929 and 1,235,000 bushels in June 1928. Imports into four continental European countries from September 1 to May 31 were about equal to the imports during the same months of the previous season. Exports from Argentina from the beginning of the Argentine season on January 1 through the week ended July 20 were 51,233,000 bushels compared with 46,836,000 bushels shipped during the same period last year. Exports from India during the present season beginning April 1 have been slightly above those of last season. See tables page 5.

FLAXSEED: Acreage in countries reporting for 1929, average 1909-1913,
annual 1926-1929

Country a/	Average: 1909- 1913	1926	1927	1928	1929 July estimate	Percentage 1929 is of 1928
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per cent
Countries producing seed only -	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	
Canada	1,035	738	476	378	368	97.4
United States ...	2,490	2,907	2,837	2,638	3,092	117.2
India	3,818	3,596	3,331	3,311	3,124	94.4
Total producing seed only (3)	7,343	7,241	6,644	6,327	6,584	104.1
Countries producing seed and fiber -						
Belgium	49	59	52	59	62 - 67	105.1-113.6
Czechoslovakia ..	61	54	54	54	50	92.6
France	62	66	60	78	83	105.4
Italy	43	55	43	44	43	97.7
Lithuania	143	200	208	236	247	104.7
Netherlands	33	34	27	39	47	120.5
Total producing seed and fiber (6)	391	468	444	510	532 - 537	104.3-105.3
Total reporting (9)	7,734	7,709	7,088	6,837	7,116-7,121	104.1-104.2
Est. world total:	15,882	19,506	19,427	19,431		

a/ Figures within parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

FLAXSEED: Monthly or weekly average price per bushel in specified
markets in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg No. 1 N.W.C. 1928	Minneapolis No. 1, N.W. 1928	Buenos Aires 1928	Margin of Minneapolis price over Winnipeg 1928	1929	1929	1929	1929	1929	1929
	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
January	1.83	1.91	2.24	2.45	1.63	1.63	41	54	62	82
February	1.84	2.04	2.27	2.55	1.61	1.66	43	51	66	89
March	1.90	2.08	2.33	2.49	1.63	1.66	43	41	70	83
April	1.94	2.02	2.36	2.45	1.79	1.67	42	43	57	78
May	2.00	2.05	2.46	2.45	1.72	1.67	46	40	74	78
June	1.97	2.12	2.38	2.48	1.68	1.67	41	36	70	81
July -										
1st week ..	1.89	2.29	2.23	2.61	1.68	1.80	34	32	55	81
2nd week ..	1.89	2.42	2.21	2.68	1.68	1.88	32	26	53	80
3rd week ..	1.87	2.66	2.21	2.91	1.68	2.03	34	25	53	88
4th week ..	1.84	2.70	2.16	2.85	1.65	2.07	32	15	51	78

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and
exporting countries, year beginning September 1,
1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year beginning September 1			Trade in current season to date indicated, with comparisons		
	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	Sept. 1 to -	1927-28	1928-29
	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
EXPORTS:						
Argentina	66,835	65,935	75,786	July 20	69,923	75,401
India	7,426	8,360	8,031	July 20	7,244	5,930
Canada	2,541	2,939	2,425	June 30	1,708	1,683
Russia and Danube a/	1,190	811	83	July 20	---	47
Total above						
exports	77,992	78,045	86,325		78,875	83,061
IMPORTS:						
United States	19,971	24,093	18,160	June 30	15,608	20,885
United Kingdom	14,952	14,257	14,074	June 30	12,256	10,865
Total 2 count.	34,923	38,350	32,234		27,864	31,750
Continent						
Netherlands	14,163	12,156	15,733	June 30	13,730	14,347
Germany	12,445	13,767	18,727	May 31	13,868	11,827
Belgium	3,597	3,439	4,666	May 31	3,307	3,745
France	6,786	6,953	8,011	April 30	5,551	6,235
Total 4 contin-						
ental count.....	36,991	36,315	47,137		36,456	36,154
Total above						
imports	71,914	74,665	79,371		64,320	67,904

a/ Trade figures.

b/ Official figures to April 30, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current
seasons, 1926-1929

Country	Year beginning	1926	1927	1928	Period	1928	1929
		1,000	1,000	1,000	Jan. 1 to	1,000	1,000
		bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
Argentina	Jan. 1	65,866	74,585	75,409	July 20	46,836	51,233
					April 1-		
India	Apr. 1	7,675	8,900	6,454	July 20	2,623	3,069

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.

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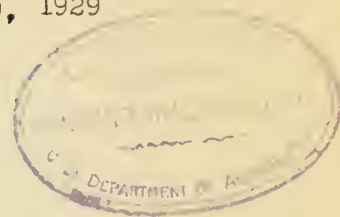
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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN AUGUST 1929



The flaxseed supply for the 1929-30 season will probably be below that of last year unless present conditions improve in the chief producing countries, according to information received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The 1929 production in North America is much below that of 1928, due to unfavorable weather conditions. India too has produced a smaller crop than last season and although no definite information is available regarding the 1929-30 production in Argentina, the official estimate of area sown is below the final estimate of last year and drought which badly hindered sowing still continues and makes it improbable that the production will surpass that of last season. Russia, which also produces large quantities of flaxseed, has not entered the international market to any great extent in recent years and has little influence on the world situation at the present time.

Commercial stocks in the United States and Canada at the beginning of the new season on September 1 were below those of last year. A considerable amount of old crop India seed was believed to have been carried over into the new India season beginning April 1 but exports from April 1 to August 24, 1929 were about 1,500,000 bushels above those of the same period last year and stocks have probably been reduced. The present exportable surplus in Argentina is not definitely known. An official estimate of the surplus on August 15 was 26,417,000 bushels or 4,000,000 bushels above the surplus at the same period last year. This estimate is considered very high by trade sources which place the surplus at some 20,000,000 bushels. This figure would seem to be borne out by statistics available on production and exports during the present season.

Flaxseed prices in Minneapolis, Winnipeg, and Buenos Aires which reached a peak during the last week of July declined considerably during August with the lack of buying interest which followed the publication of the official estimate of Argentine surplus but the monthly average was well above the August average for the past 5 years. Reports of continued drought in Argentina and unfavorable conditions in other countries sent prices upward the beginning of September and with the publication of the estimates of production for Canada and the United States and official figures on the lack of rainfall in Argentina the price of flaxseed rose 47 cents per bushel in Buenos Aires between the close on Monday September 9 and Thursday September 12. Closing quotations on September 12 were \$3.40 per bushel in Minneapolis, \$3.00 per bushel in Winnipeg and \$2.78 per bushel at Buenos Aires.

Flaxseed shipments from Argentina since June 1 have been below the corresponding shipments of 1928 but total shipments for the current season to August 24 are well above those of last year. Exports from Argentina, India and Russia from September 1 to August 24 and Canada from September 1 to July 31 were 89,776,000 bushels compared with 86,863,000 bushels exported during the corresponding period last season. Imports into the United States and United Kingdom from September 1 through July 31 were 33,886,000 bushels compared with 30,042,000 bushels last season. Imports into four important continental European countries during the present season are slightly higher than those of last season.

Production

The condition of the United States flaxseed crop showed a further deterioration during August and the production estimate based on the September 1 condition is 16,388,000 bushels compared with last year's crop of 18,690,000 bushels. Conditions in Canada were also poor during the season and the first estimate of production places the crop at 2,159,000 bushels compared with 3,614,000 bushels harvested from a slightly smaller acreage in 1928. The first official estimate of the acreage sown to flaxseed in Argentina for 1929-30 is 7,150,000 acres or 2 per cent below the final estimate for last year. Weather conditions have been very unfavorable for seeding and sprouting. During the 7 weeks ending September 7, there had been only 0.3 inch of rainfall in the northern zone and a like amount in the southern zone while the normal for this period in the north is 2.3 inches and in the south 1.6 inches and much rain is needed in the near future if the crop is to compare with last year's production. For figures on acreage and production so far reported for 1929 see tables page 4.

Stocks

Flaxseed stocks in the commercial centers reporting to the governments of the United States and Canada at the beginning of the new season on September 1 were 375,000 bushels lower than stocks at the same time in 1928 and 1,608,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks reported for the United States were 159,000 bushels compared with 317,000 in 1928 and 584,000 in 1927. Stocks in store in the Western Grain Inspection Division of Canada were 316,000 bushels compared with 530,000 bushels last year and 1,496,000 bushels in 1927. There is some question concerning the present exportable surplus of flaxseed available in Argentina. The official estimate of 26,417,000 bushels available on August 15 was believed by the trade to be about 6,000,000 bushels in excess of the actual amount. Statistics available on which to base an estimate are as follows: official estimate of 1928-29 production issued

on July 12, 82,791,000 bushels, requirements for consumption and seed, 7,800,000 bushels, trade estimates of exports from January 1 to August 17, approximately 54,840,000 bushels leaving 20,150,000 bushels for export during the remainder of the season. This takes no account of shipments of new crop seed during December 1928 nor of carryover which was believed to be small. Allowance must be made for a possible increase in the production estimate for last season since any increase in this estimate would give a corresponding increase in the available surplus.

Imports and Exports

Imports into the United States declined considerably during July and totaled only 1,293,285 bushels compared with 2,366,301 bushels in the previous month and 1,484,346 bushels in July 1928. Total imports so far this season from September 1 to July 31 have been 5,000,000 bushels above the imports for the same period last season. This is not sufficient to balance the decline in the 1928 United States crop which was 7,000,000 bushels below the crop of 1927. Imports into the United Kingdom also declined during July but were above those of July 1928 being 843,520 bushels compared with 693,520 last year. Exports from Argentina from the beginning of the Argentine season on January 1 through the week ended August 24 were 56,143,000 bushels compared with 53,643,000 bushels shipped during the corresponding period last year. Exports from India during the present season beginning April 1 have been above those of last season see tables page 5.

FLAXSEED: Acreage in countries reporting for 1929
average 1909-1913, annual 1926-1929

Country <u>a/</u>	Average 1909-1913	1926	1927	1928	1929 Prelim.	Percentage 1929 is of 1928
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	<u>Per cent</u>
Countries producing: seed only -	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	
United States ...	2,490	2,907	2,837	2,638	3,092	117.2
Canada	1,035	738	476	378	384	101.6
India	3,818	3,596	3,331	3,311	3,124	94.4
Argentina	4,113	6,672	7,055	7,297	7,150	98.0
Tunis	8	7	6	7	5	71.4
Total producing: seed only (4)...	11,464	13,920	13,705	13,631	13,755	100.9
Countries producing: seed and fiber -						
Countries prev. rept. and un- changed (14) <u>b/</u> ...	199	209	184	215	222	103.3
Lithuania (rev) <u>c/</u> :	143	200	208	236	213	90.3
Belgium (rev) ...	49	59	52	59	68	115.3
Latvia <u>c/</u>	162	158	156	170	143	84.1
Rumania	71	51	49	48	48	100.0
Finland <u>c/</u>	12	14	13	14	12	85.7
Total prod.seed and fiber (9)...	636	691	662	742	706	95.1
Total reptg.(13)...	12,100	14,611	14,367	14,373	14,461	100.6
Est. world total	15,892	19,509	19,432	19,434		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ See FS/FF-41, August 14, 1929. c/ Flax and hemp.

FLAXSEED: Production in countries reporting for 1929
average 1909-1913, annual 1926-1929

Country	Average 1909-1913	1926	1927	1928	1929 Prelim.	Percentage 1929 is of 1928
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	<u>Per cent</u>
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	
United States	19,543	19,335	25,847	18,690	16,388	87.7
Canada	12,040	5,995	4,885	3,614	2,159	59.7
India	19,870	16,080	16,240	13,920	12,880	92.5
Lithuania	1,126	1,574	1,405	1,000	1,378	137.8
Belgium	472	465	407	492	538	109.3
Tunis	37	37	28	51	45	88.2
Bulgaria	6	2	3	3	3	100.0
Total coun. rept...	53,094	43,488	48,815	37,770	33,391	88.4
Est. world total...	110,802	141,868	158,811	151,601		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

Table 1. Summary of the results of the analysis of variance for the effect of the treatment on the response of the different groups of subjects.				
Treatment	Group	Mean	Standard deviation	Significance
Control	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment A	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment B	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment C	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment D	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment E	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment F	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment G	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment H	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment I	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment J	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment K	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment L	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment M	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment N	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment O	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment P	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment Q	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment R	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment S	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment T	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment U	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment V	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment W	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment X	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment Y	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	
Treatment Z	1	10.0	1.0	
	2	10.0	1.0	
	3	10.0	1.0	
	4	10.0	1.0	

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and
exporting countries, year beginning September 1,
1925-26 to 1928-29

Country	Trade for year			Trade in current season		
	beginning September 1:			to date indicated,		
				with comparisons		
	1925-26:	1926-27:	1927-28:	Sept. 1	1927-28:	1928-29
	to -					
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	
EXPORTS:						
Argentina.....	66,835:	65,935:	75,786:	a/Aug 24	76,730:	80,310
India.....	7,426:	8,360:	8,031:	b/Aug 24	7,961:	7,736
Canada.....	2,541:	2,939:	2,425:	July 31	2,172:	1,683
Russia and Danube a/	1,190:	811:	83:	Aug 24	--	47
Total above						
exports.....	77,992:	78,045:	86,325:		86,863:	89,776
IMPORTS:						
United States.....	19,971:	24,093:	18,160:	July 31	17,092:	22,178
United Kingdom.....	14,952:	14,257:	14,074:	July 31	12,950:	11,708
Total 2 count.	34,923:	38,350:	32,234:		30,042:	33,886
Continent						
Netherlands.....	14,163:	12,156:	15,733:	July 31	15,065:	16,475
Germany.....	12,245:	13,767:	18,727:	June 30	15,127:	13,391
Belgium.....	3,597:	3,439:	4,666:	June 30	3,797:	4,278
France.....	6,786:	6,953:	8,011:	June 30	6,757:	7,716
Total 4 contin-						
ental count.....	36,791:	36,315:	47,137:		40,746:	41,860
Total above						
imports.....	71,914:	74,665:	79,371:		70,788:	75,746

a/ Trade figures.

b/ Official figures to June 30, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their
current seasons, 1928-1929

Country	Year				Period		
		beginning:	1926	1927	1928	1928	1929
			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
			bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	bushels:	bushels:
Argentina..	Jan 1		65,866:	74,585:	a/75,439:	Aug 24	53,643: 56,143
India.....	Apr 1		7,675:	8,900:	6,454:	Aug 24	3,340: 4,876

a/ Official figures through November 30, trade figures for December.

b/ Trade figures. c/ Official figures through June 30, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Monthly or weekly average price per bushel in specified markets in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 D.M.C.		No. 1 D.M.C.		4 yearly del.		Winnipeg		Buenos Aires	
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929
	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
January	1.83	1.81	2.24	2.45	1.62	1.63	41	54	62	82
February	1.84	2.04	2.27	2.55	1.61	1.66	43	51	66	89
March	1.90	2.03	2.35	2.49	1.65	1.66	43	41	70	83
April	1.94	2.02	2.36	2.45	1.79	1.67	42	43	57	78
May	2.00	2.05	2.46	2.45	1.72	1.67	46	40	74	78
June	1.87	2.12	2.38	2.43	1.68	1.67	41	36	70	81
July -										
1st week	1.89	2.21	2.23	2.61	1.63	1.80	34	32	55	81
2nd week	1.89	2.42	2.21	2.63	1.63	1.88	32	23	53	80
3rd week	1.87	2.65	2.21	2.81	1.65	2.05	34	25	53	88
4th week	1.84	2.77	2.16	2.85	1.65	2.07	34	15	51	78
5th week a/	1.80	2.73	2.15	2.94	1.64	2.14	35	21	51	80
August -										
1st week	1.73	2.65	2.13	2.30	1.63	2.10	35	25	50	80
2nd week	1.81	2.53	2.07	2.82	1.61	2.03	26	24	46	74
3rd week	1.84	2.58	2.05	2.83	1.62	2.12	21	25	43	71
4th week	1.87	2.58	2.04	2.76	1.63	2.10	17	13	42	66

Compiled from - Minneapolis: Minneapolis Daily Market Record, average daily prices weighted by carlots sales. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain Statistics, Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New York Journal of Commerce.

a/ Week ending August 3.

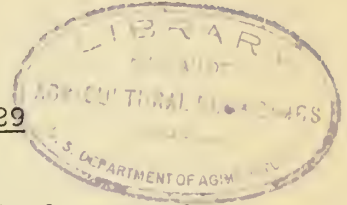
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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN SEPTEMBER 1929



The outlook for supplies of flaxseed for the 1929-30 season has improved slightly since the report of September 19, according to information received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This improvement is due to the heavy rains reported in Argentina which came about the third week of September and broke the serious drought which had continued for several months. It is not known just how much permanent injury was caused by the drought but the crop is expected to receive material benefit from the recent rains. The area is below that of last year. Prospects in the Northern Hemisphere remain poor although a slight improvement was shown in the October 1 condition of the United States crop which is now estimated at 16,599,000 bushels compared with 18,690,000 bushels last year. See table, page 5.

Commercial stocks in the United States and Canada on October 5 were slightly above those at the same time last year. Stocks reported for the United States were 913,000 bushels compared with 1,038,000 bushels in 1928. Stocks in store in the Western Grain Inspection Division of Canada were 695,000 bushels compared with 445,000 bushels last year. A trade paper of September 20 reports that the Government of Argentina has revised the estimate of exportable surplus as of August 15. The new estimate given is 15,900,000 bushels which is 10,500,000 bushels lower than the original figure and is more in line with trade estimates of available supplies. Exports from August 15 to September 28 are placed by the trade at about 5,500,000 bushels, leaving a surplus of approximately 10,400,000 bushels on September 28, 1929.

Flaxseed shipments from Argentina have declined considerably in recent months, according to trade estimates, and total shipments for the current Argentine season, January 1 to September 28, are below those of last year. Shipments from India during the present India export season beginning April 1 remain well above those of the previous season.

Prices

Flaxseed prices rose rapidly during the first three weeks of September in Winnipeg, Minneapolis and Buenos Aires and although a decline occurred toward the end of the month, high levels were again reported for the first week in October. Closing quotations on October 5 were \$3.40 per bushel in Minneapolis, \$3.00 per bushel in Winnipeg and \$2.69

per bushel in Buenos Aires, but slightly lower prices were reported from all markets the early part of the following week.

The September averages of flaxseed prices in the three markets, Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires, were the highest monthly averages reported since September 1920 with the single exception of the April 1923 average at Minneapolis. Last season the monthly averages for August and September at Minneapolis were the lowest reported since December 1921, while similar conditions were reported for the Winnipeg market. Prices in Minneapolis rose steadily during the 1928-29 season with the exception of a brief pause from March until June when they fell off slightly from the February level. Since June the rise has been extremely rapid. The average for the month of September was more than 70 cents a bushel above the June average in all three markets. This rapid increase has been due to the unfavorable conditions for the crop in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres during the present season. The crops of both the United States and Canada are below the short crops of last year, while in Argentina dry weather during the sowing season is reported to have injured the crop to some extent and production is expected to fall below the record crop of last year, according to present unofficial reports.

Exports and imports

Exports of flaxseed from the chief exporting countries- Argentina, India and Canada- during the United States season ended August 31, 1929 were about equal to or slightly below those of the 1927-28 season, according to combined official and trade figures now available. Exports from Argentina during this period were approximately 76,504,000 bushels compared with 75,786,000 bushels in 1927-28, but Canada and India both shipped smaller quantities than in the previous season. Shipments from Canada were 740,000 bushels below those of September 1 to August 31, 1927-28 while India reports a decrease of about 115,000 bushels for the same period.

Imports into the United States showed a further decline during August. The 1,020,197 bushels imported for the month were below the July imports of this year and also below the imports in August 1928. The total United States imports for the 1928-29 season ended August 31 were 23,198,000 bushels and although this total is 5,038,000 bushels above the 1927-28 imports, the difference is not sufficient to balance the decrease of 7,157,000 bushels in the United States flaxseed crop for 1928 compared with that of 1927. Imports into the United Kingdom for the 1928-29 season were 12,360,000 bushels compared with 14,074,000 bushels in the previous season. Germany also took smaller amounts of seed during the past season while the Netherlands, Belgium, and France increased their imports. See table, page 3.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries,
year beginning September 1, 1925 to 1929

Country	Trade for year beginning				Trade in current season	
	September 1				with comparisons	
	1925	1926	1927	1928	To September 29, 1928 ^{a/}	To September 28, 1929 ^{a/}
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000
	: bushels	: bushels	: bushels	: bushels	: bushels	: bushels
Exports:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Argentina	: 66,835:	65,935:	75,786:	^{b/} 76,504:	7,669	: 2,968
India	: 7,426:	8,360:	8,031:	^{c/} 7,916:	688	: 1,328
Canada	: 2,541:	2,939:	2,425:	1,685:	:	:
Russia and Danube ^{a/}	: 1,190:	811:	83:	47:	-	: 123
Total above exports	: 77,992:	78,045:	86,325:	86,152:	:	:
Imports:	:	:	:	:	:	:
United States	: 19,971:	24,093:	18,160:	23,198:	:	:
United Kingdom	: 14,952:	14,257:	14,074:	12,360:	:	:
Total two countries	: 34,923:	38,350:	32,234:	35,558:	:	:
Continent	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	: 14,163:	12,156:	15,733:	16,688:	:	:
Germany	: 12,445:	13,767:	18,727:	^{d/} 15,625:	:	:
Belgium	: 3,597:	3,439:	4,666:	^{d/} 5,172:	:	:
France	: 6,786:	6,953:	8,011:	^{d/} 8,974:	:	:
Total four continental countries	: 31,991:	36,315:	47,137:	46,459:	:	:
Total above imports	: 66,914:	74,665:	79,371:	82,017:	:	:

^{a/} Trade figures.

^{b/} Official figures to June 30, trade figures for July and August.

^{c/} Official figures to July 31, trade figures for August.

^{d/} Includes rough estimate for August for which month official figures are not yet available.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year.

The second part of the report deals with the results of the work during the year. It is divided into two main sections: the first section deals with the results of the work in the field of the study of the history of the country, and the second section deals with the results of the work in the field of the study of the history of the people of the country.

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FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons,
1926-1929

Country	Year beginning:	1926	1927	1928	Period	1928	1929
		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Argentina	January 1:	65,866	74,585	76,547	Jan 1 to Sept 28 a/	60,477	55,859
India	April 1:	7,675	8,900	6,454	April 1 to Sept 28 b/	4,000	6,384

a/ Official figures through June 30, trade figures to date.

b/ Official figures through July 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Acreage in countries reporting for 1929, average 1909-1913,
annual 1926-1929

Country a/	Average 1909-1913	1926	1927	1928	Preliminary 1929	Percentage 1929 is of 1928
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
Countries producing seed only (5)	11,464	13,920	13,705	13,631	13,755	100.9
Countries producing seed and fiber (9)	676	691	662	742	706	95.1
Total reporting b/ (14)	12,100	14,611	14,367	14,373	14,461	100.6
Estimated world total	15,892	19,509	19,432	19,440		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ See FS/FF-41, August 14, 1929 and FS/FF-42, September 19, 1929.

FLAXSEED: Production in countries reporting for 1929,
average 1909-1913, annual 1926-1929

Country ^{a/}	Average 1909-1913	1926	1927	1928	Preliminary 1929	Percentage 1929 is of 1928
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
United States	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
(rev)	19,543	19,335	25,847	18,690	16,599	88.8
Canada	12,040	5,995	4,885	3,614	2,159	59.7
India	19,870	16,080	16,240	13,920	12,880	92.5
Other countries:						
previously re-						
ported ^{b/} (4)	1,641	2,078	1,843	1,546	1,964	127.0
Netherlands . . .	376	304	205	504	524	104.0
Czechoslovakia :	435	331	371	353	383	108.5
Total countries:						
reported	53,905	44,123	49,391	38,627	34,509	89.3
Estimated world:						
total	110,802	141,868	158,811	151,646		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

^{a/} Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

^{b/} See FS/FF-42, September 19, 1929.

FLAXSEED: Monthly or weekly average price per bushel in specified markets in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No.1 N.W.C.		No.1. N. W.		4% early del.		Winnipeg : Buenos Aires			
	1928: 1929		1928: 1929		1928: 1929		1928: 1929 : 1928: 1929			
	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Cents:	Cents:	Cents:	Cents:
Jan.....	1.83:	1.91:	2.24:	2.45 :	1.62:	1.63 :	41 :	54 :	62 :	82
Feb.....	1.84:	2.04:	2.27:	2.55 :	1.61:	1.66 :	43 :	51 :	66 :	89
Mar.....	1.90:	2.08:	2.33:	2.49 :	1.63:	1.66 :	43 :	41 :	70 :	83
Apr.....	1.94:	2.02:	2.36:	2.45 :	1.79:	1.67 :	42 :	43 :	57 :	78
May.....	2.00:	2.05:	2.46:	2.45 :	1.72:	1.67 :	46 :	40 :	74 :	78
June.....	1.97:	2.12:	2.38:	2.48 :	1.68:	1.67 :	41 :	36 :	70 :	81
July -	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week....	1.89:	2.29:	2.23:	2.61 :	1.68:	1.80 :	34 :	32 :	55 :	81
2nd week....	1.89:	2.42:	2.21:	2.66 :	1.68:	1.88 :	32 :	26 :	53 :	80
3rd week....	1.87:	2.66:	2.21:	2.91 :	1.68:	2.03 :	34 :	25 :	53 :	88
4th week....	1.84:	2.70:	2.16:	2.85 :	1.65:	2.07 :	32 :	15 :	51 :	78
5th week a/:	1.80:	2.73:	2.15:	2.94 :	1.64:	2.14 :	35 :	21 :	51 :	80
August -	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week....	1.78:	2.65:	2.13:	2.90 :	1.63:	2.10 :	35 :	25 :	50 :	80
2nd week....	1.81:	2.58:	2.07:	2.82 :	1.61:	2.08 :	26 :	24 :	46 :	74
3rd week....	1.84:	2.58:	2.05:	2.83 :	1.62:	2.12 :	21 :	25 :	43 :	71
4th week....	1.87:	2.58:	2.04:	2.76 :	1.62:	2.10 :	17 :	18 :	42 :	66
September -	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week....	1.84:	2.63:	2.03:	2.93 :	1.63:	2.21 :	19 :	30 :	40 :	72
2nd week....	1.87:	2.86:	2.07:	3.22 :	1.64:	2.43 :	20 :	36 :	43 :	79
3rd week....	1.86:	2.91:	2.14:	3.35 :	1.64:	2.59 :	28 :	44 :	50 :	78
4th week....	1.88:	2.91:	2.18:	3.36 :	1.66:	2.55 :	30 :	45 :	52 :	81
October -	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st week....	1.92:	b/2.92:	2.22:	3.31 :	1.68:	2.51 :	30 :	39 :	54 :	80
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Compiled from - Minneapolis: Minneapolis Daily Market Record, average daily prices weighted by carlots sales. Winnipeg: Canadian Grain Statistics, Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. Buenos Aires: New York Journal of Commerce.

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b/ New York Journal of Commerce.

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FOREIGN NEWS ON FLAX AND FLAXSEED

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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN OCTOBER 1929

Flaxseed prices eased off considerably during the last three weeks of October in Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires but the averages for the month established new high records for the nine year period 1921-1929. The decline in flaxseed prices followed a lack of demand from United Kingdom and Continental crushers due to dropping prices for linseed oil and a poor cake market which left little working margin for crushers. See table page 5.

The supply situation has not changed greatly during the past month. Previous estimates for the United States and Canada have been reduced by 691,000 bushels, the North American crop now being estimated at 18,067,000 bushels compared with 22,304,000 bushels last year. The outlook in Argentina has continued to improve with favorable weather during the past month but this year's production is expected to show a considerable reduction in comparison with last year.

Commercial stocks in the United States and Canada on November 2 were below those of the same time last year. Stocks reported for the United States were 1,178,000 bushels compared with 2,721,000 bushels last year and 6,601,000 bushels in 1927. Stocks in store in the Western Grain Inspection Division of Canada were 1,218,168 bushels compared with 1,212,181 bushels in 1926 and 1,967,993 bushels in 1927.

Flaxseed shipments from Argentina remain low, due to high prices and lack of demand by European buyers. Shipments for the current Argentine season January 1 to October 26 were more than 6,000,000 bushels below exports for the same period last season. The decline has been especially noticeable since September 1, shipments from that date to October 26 being 7,500,000 bushels below those of the corresponding period last year. Shipments from India during the present season remain well above those of last season.

Production

The November estimate of the United States crop for 1929 shows a reduction from previous estimates and production is now placed at 16,060,000 bushels compared with last years final estimate of 18,690,000 bushels. The crop of Canada is also very short, being estimated at 2,007,000 bushels compared with 3,614,000 bushels last year. Reports from Argentina at the present time are favorable but it is evident that

the crop will be below the record crop harvested last season. Trade estimates place this reduction at approximately 25 per cent but no official information is available with which to make comparisons. A reduction of 25 per cent in the Argentine crop would mean a crop of about 60,000,000 bushels for the present season. Last years crop was officially estimated to be 82,791,000 bushels. Exports from Argentina for 1927 and 1928 were about 75,000,000 bushels each year and exports from January 1 to October 26, 1929 were slightly more than 60,000,000 bushels. With short crops in North America, information as to the quantity available for export from Argentina is of extreme importance in judging the future supply situation. The 1930 crop of India is being sown under favorable conditions and some increase in acreage is expected. Increased supplies from this source cannot reach the market for at least five months. See Table page 4.

Exports and Imports

Exports of flaxseed from the principal exporting countries during the first two months of the new North American season beginning September 1 have been decidedly below those of last season. Exports from Argentina from September 1 to October 26 were 5,527,000 bushels compared with 13,106,000 bushels during the same period last year. Canada reports no exports of flaxseed for the month of September. An increase is shown in shipments from India which were 2,240,000 bushels from September 1 to October 26, compared with 1,006,000 in 1928. Imports into the United States, United Kingdom and Netherlands for the month of September 1929, were 3,029,000 bushels compared with imports of 4,283,000 bushels in September 1928. Imports into the United States for September were only 642,000 bushels compared with 1,254,000 bushels last year. The high prices now prevailing are bringing out good supplies of domestic flaxseed and with the domestic seed sold, imports must increase rapidly if consumption is to be maintained at the normal rate.

FLAXSEED: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons
1926-1929

Country	Year beginning	1926	1927	1928	Period	1928	1929
		1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
		bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
Argentina	January 1	65,266	74,585	76,547	Jan 1 to	67,413	61,130
					Oct 26 <u>a/</u>		
India.....	April 1	7,675	8,900	6,454	April 1		
					to		
					Oct 26 <u>b/</u>	4,415	7,359

a/ Trade figures.

b/ Official figures through August 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: International trade of important importing and exporting countries, year beginning September 1, 1926-1929

Country	Trade for year beginning September 1			Trade in current season with comparisons		
	1926	1927	1928	Sept 1 to	1928	1929
	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Exports:						
Argentina	65,935	75,786	a/76,504	Oct. 26 b/	13,106	5,527
India	8,360	8,031	7,980	Oct. 26 b/	1,006	2,240
Canada	2,939	2,425	1,685	Sept. 30	485	-
Russia & Danube b/ . .	811	83	47	Oct. 26	-	76
Total above:						
exports . . .	78,045	86,325	86,216		14,597	7,846
Imports:						
United States :	24,093	18,160	23,198	Sept. 30	1,254	342
United Kingdom:	14,257	14,074	12,360	Sept. 30	1,283	1,056
Total 2 countries :	38,350	32,234	35,558		2,537	1,398
Continent :						
Netherland . . .	12,156	15,733	16,688	Sept. 30	1,746	1,131
Germany	13,767	17,488	15,622			
Belgium	3,439	4,666	5,126			
France	6,953	8,011	9,023			
Total 4 countries :	36,315	45,898	46,459			
Total above:						
imports . . .	74,665	78,132	82,017			

a/ Official figures to June 30, trade figures July and August.

b/ Trade figures.

FLAXSEED: Production in countries reporting for 1929, average 1909-1913
annual 1926-1929

Country <u>a/</u>	Average: 1909- 1913	1926	1927	1928	Prelimin- ary 1929	Percentage 1929 is of 1928
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	Per cent
United States (rev.)	19,543	19,335	25,847	18,630	16,060	85.9
Canada	12,040	3,995	4,885	3,614	2,007	55.5
India	19,870	16,080	16,240	13,920	12,880	92.5
Tunis (rev.).....	37	37	28	51	39	76.5
Austria	112	43	51	44	41	93.2
Other countries prev. reported (5) <u>b/</u>	2,415	2,676	2,391	2,333	2,826	121.1
Total countries reported (10)	54,017	42,166	49,442	38,652	33,853	87.6
Est. world total	110,802	142,448	156,771	151,675		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ See earlier foreign service releases.

FLAXSEED: Acreage in countries reporting for 1929, average 1909-1913
annual 1926-1929

Country <u>a/</u>	Average: 1909- 1913	1926	1927	1928	Prelimin- ary 1929	Percentage 1929 is of 1928
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Per Cent
Countries producing seed only						
Countries prev. rept. (4) <u>b/</u>	7,351	7,248	6,650	6,334	6,604	104.3
Argentina (rev.).....	4,113	6,672	7,055	7,296	7,089	97.2
Total prod. seed only (5)	11,464	13,920	13,705	13,630	13,693	100.5
Countries producing seed and fiber						
Count. prev. rept. (9) <u>b/</u> :	636	691	662	745	706	94.8
Estonia	135	83	88	83	59	71.1
Austria	12	9	9	12	12	100.0
Bulgaria	1	1	1	1	1	100.0
Total producing seed and fiber (12)	784	784	760	841	778	92.5
Total count. rept (17):	12,248	14,704	14,465	14,471	14,471	100.0
Estimated world total:	15,892	19,474	19,258	19,492		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ See earlier foreign service releases.

FLAXSEED: Monthly or weekly average price per bushel in specified markets in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 N.W.C.		No. 1 N.W.		4% early del.		Winnipeg		Buenos Aires	
	1928:	1929:	1928:	1929:	1928:	1929:	1928:	1929:	1928:	1929:
	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Dolls:	Cents:	Cents:	Cents:	Cents:
Jan	1.83	1.91	2.24	2.45	1.62	1.63	41	54	62	82
Feb	1.84	2.04	2.27	2.55	1.61	1.66	43	51	66	89
Mar	1.90	2.08	2.33	2.49	1.63	1.66	43	41	70	83
Apr	1.94	2.02	2.36	2.45	1.79	1.67	42	43	57	78
May	2.00	2.05	2.46	2.45	1.72	1.67	46	40	74	78
June	1.97	2.12	2.38	2.48	1.68	1.67	41	36	70	81
July	1.86	2.53	2.21	2.76	1.66	1.96	35	23	55	80
August	1.82	2.61	2.05	2.79	1.62	2.11	23	18	43	68
September	1.85	2.65	2.05	2.79	1.62	2.11	23	18	43	68
1st wk ..	1.84	2.63	2.03	2.93	1.63	2.21	19	30	40	72
2nd wk ..	1.87	2.86	2.07	3.22	1.64	2.43	20	36	43	79
3rd wk ..	1.86	2.91	2.14	3.35	1.64	2.59	28	44	50	76
4th wk ..	1.88	2.91	2.18	3.36	1.66	2.55	30	45	52	81
October	1.92	2.92	2.22	3.31	1.68	2.51	30	39	54	80
1st wk ..	1.92	2.92	2.22	3.31	1.68	2.51	30	39	54	80
2nd wk ..	1.97	2.95	2.34	3.39	1.72	2.63	37	44	62	76
3rd wk ..	1.93	2.90	2.29	3.31	1.72	2.55	36	41	57	76
4th wk ..	1.90	2.89	2.28	3.27	1.70	2.40	38	38	58	87
5th wk <u>a/</u>	1.92	2.83	2.30	3.30	1.70	2.37	38	42	60	93

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THE FLAXSEED SITUATION IN NOVEMBER 1929

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The month of November was characterized by a decline in flaxseed prices from the record levels reached in October in the markets at Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires. The market strengthened somewhat during the third week of the month with the publication by the Argentine government of estimates of acreage abandoned during the present season which was much above the normal, due to the prolonged drought during the early months of the season. Prices showed a further decline during the first week of December but are still well above December prices of recent years. The short crop of the present season in North America, a small carryover of old crop flaxseed in crushers' hands and in store at the principal markets, and reduced stocks of linseed oil in the United States have prevented any great decline in prices in the Minneapolis market and the margin of the Minneapolis price over that of Buenos Aires averaged \$1.12 per bushel for the third week of November. See Table, page 5.

The supply situation remains practically as reported last month. Commercial stocks in the United States and Canada on November 30 were 725,000 bushels below stocks at the same time last year, and 5,408,000 bushels below those of 1927. Stocks in commercial centers reporting to the United States government were 608,000 bushels compared with 1,343,000 bushels at the same time last year, and 4,703,000 bushels in 1927. Stocks in store in the Western Grain Inspection Division of Canada were 1,162,000 bushels compared with 1,153,000 bushels in 1928 and 2,476,000 bushels in 1927.

Exports of flaxseed from Argentina continue low. The bulk of the shipments is being taken by the United States and imports into European countries have declined in recent months. Exports from Argentina for the present season, January 1 to December 31, will be below those of the 1928 season; the total from January 1 to November 23 being approximately 10,000,000 bushels below those for the same period last year. Shipments from India during the current season remain well above those of last season.

Production

No revisions have been received for the 1929 crops of North America. The total for the United States and Canada is 18,067,000 bushels compared with 22,304,000 bushels last year. On November 21 the Argentine government issued an estimate of the acreage of flaxseed abandoned during the present season because of drought. The abandonment was placed at 26 per cent of the sea

the total acreage leaving 5,318,000 acres to be harvested. This estimate does not include abandonment due to causes other than the drought of the early months of the season. The average abandonment in recent years has been about 10 per cent of the acreage sown. No estimate of acreage harvested is available for last year when the acreage sown was 7,296,400 acres, but the abandonment was probably not above average. Trade estimates continue to place the crop at about 60,000,000 bushels compared with 82,791,000 bushels last year. The production of flaxseed for the 1929 season in European countries so far reported is well above that of last year, but the total is not of sufficient importance to affect the world situation, since no information is available for Russia, the chief seed producing country of Europe. See Table, page 3.

Exports and imports

Exports of flaxseed from Argentina show a further decline for the month of November. Shipments from October 28 to November 23 were only slightly over one million bushels compared with more than four million bushels shipped during the same period last year. Trade figures place the exports from January 1 to November 23 at about 62,000,000 bushels compared with 72,000,000 bushels for the same time last year. Shipments from India from April 1 to November 23 of the current season were 8,799,000 bushels compared with 4,970,000 bushels for the same period in 1928. Exports from the principal exporting countries since the beginning of the new United States season on September 1 have been about 9,000,000 bushels below the corresponding figures for last season. India has greatly increased her exports in recent months but exports from Argentina and Canada have been well below those of the past five seasons. The total for these three countries and Russia from September 1 to November 23 was 10,449,000 bushels compared with 19,548,000 bushels shipped during the same period last season.

Imports of flaxseed into the United States during October showed an expected increase over those of September. Imports for the month were 2,582,000 bushels compared with 842,000 bushels last month and 1,209,000 bushels in October 1928. Imports into the United Kingdom and four continental European countries since the beginning of the new season on September 1 have been well below those of last season. See Tables, page 4.

FLAXSEED: Production in countries reporting for 1929, average 1909-1913
annual 1926-1929

Country a/	Average 1909-1913	1926	1927	1928	1929	Percent- age 1929 is of 1928
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	Per cent
Countries previously reported (9)	52,891	42,592	48,017	37,641	32,475	86.3
Italy	340	459	298	315	376	87.6
Lithuania (rev.) ...	1,126	1,126	1,405	1,000	1,665	166.5
Latvia	953	971	655	411	804	195.6
Estonia	733	475	363	329	461	201.3
Morocco	b/ 248	437	375	388	397	102.3
Total countries reported (14)...	56,291	46,508	51,113	39,984	34,078	90.2
Estimated world total	110,802	142,448	156,751	151,564		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ Average 1915-1918.

FLAXSEED: Acreage in countries reporting for 1929, average 1909-1913,
annual 1926-1929

Country a/	Average 1909-1913	1926	1927	1928	1929	Percent- age 1929 is of 1928
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Per cent
Countries producing seed only-						
Countries prev. reported (5)	11,464	13,920	13,705	13,630	13,693	100.5
Uruguay	127	175	175	204	207	101.5
Morocco	b/ 18	47	59	43	43	100.0
Total prod. seed only (7)	11,609	14,142	13,939	13,877	13,943	100.5
Countries producing seed and fiber-						
Countries prev. reported (10) ..	487	543	513	587	576	98.1
Latvia	162	158	156	170	138	81.2
Estonia	135	83	88	83	79	95.2
Total prod. seed and fiber (12).	784	784	757	840	793	94.4
Total countries reported (19)	12,393	14,926	14,696	14,717	14,736	100.1
Est. world total	15,392	19,474	19,255	19,481		

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture.

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included.

b/ Average 1915-1918.

FLANSEID: International trade of important importing and exporting countries, year beginning September 1, 1926-1929

Country	: Trade for year begin- : Trade in current season			: with comparisons		
	: ning September 1					
	: 1926 :	: 1927 :	: 1928 :	: Sept 1 to :	: 1928 :	: 1929
	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :		: 1,000 :	: 1,000
	: bushels:	: bushels:	: bushels:		: bushels:	: bushels
Exports:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Argentina	: 65,935:	: 75,766:	: 76,504:	: Nov 23 b/:	: 17,361:	: 6,693
India	: 8,360:	: 8,051:	: 7,980:	: Nov 23 b/:	: 1,560:	: 3,680
Canada	: 2,939:	: 2,425:	: 1,685:	: Oct 31 :	: 627:	: c/
Russia and Danube b/	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: 811:	: 83:	: 47:	: Nov 23 :	: -:	: 76
Total above exports	: 76,045:	: 86,325:	: 86,216:		: 19,548:	: 10,449
Imports:	:	:	:	:	:	:
United States ...	: 24,093:	: 18,160:	: 23,198:	: Oct 31 :	: 2,462:	: 3,424
United Kingdom ..	: 14,257:	: 14,074:	: 12,360:	: Oct 31 :	: 2,216:	: 2,008
Total two countries ...	: 38,350:	: 32,234:	: 35,558:		: 4,680:	: 5,432
Continent	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	: 12,156:	: 15,733:	: 16,688:	: Oct 31 :	: 3,316:	: 2,076
Germany	: 13,767:	: 17,488:	: 15,622:	: Sept 30 :	: 1,497:	: 526
Belgium	: 3,439:	: 4,666:	: 5,126:	: Sept 30 :	: 272:	: 310
France	: 6,953:	: 8,011:	: 9,023:	: Sept 30 :	: 986:	: 961
Total four continental countries ...	: 36,315:	: 45,828:	: 46,459:		: 6,071:	: 3,873
Total above imports	: 74,665:	: 78,152:	: 82,017:		: 10,751:	: 9,305

a/ Official figures to June 30, trade figures July and August.

b/ Trade figures.

c/ Less than 1,000 bushels.

FLANSEID: Exports from Argentina and India in their current seasons, 1926-1929

Country	Year	1926	1927	1928	Period	1928	1929
	: beginning:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :	: 1,000 :		: 1,000 :	: 1,000
	:	: bushels:	: bushels:	: bushels:		: bushels:	: bushels
	:	:	:	:	: Jan 1 to:	:	:
Argentina	: Jan 1	: 65,866:	: 74,565:	: 76,547:	: Nov 23 a/:	: 72,065:	: 62,165
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	:	:	:	: Apr 1 to:	:	:
India	: Apr 1	: 7,675:	: 8,900:	: 6,454:	: Nov 23 b/:	: 4,970:	: 8,799
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

a/ Trade figures.

b/ Official figures through August 31, trade figures to date.

FLAXSEED: Monthly or weekly average price per bushel in specified markets in 1929 and corresponding prices for 1928

Month and week	Winnipeg		Minneapolis		Buenos Aires		Margin of Minneapolis price over			
	No. 1 N.W.C.		No. 1 N.W.		4 % early delivery		Winnipeg		Buenos Aires	
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929
	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls
Jan	1.83	1.91	2.24	2.45	1.62	1.63	41	54	62	82
Feb	1.84	2.04	2.27	2.55	1.61	1.66	43	51	66	89
Mar	1.90	2.08	2.33	2.49	1.63	1.66	43	41	70	83
Apr	1.94	2.02	2.36	2.45	1.79	1.67	42	43	57	78
May	2.00	2.05	2.46	2.45	1.72	1.67	46	40	74	78
June	1.97	2.12	2.38	2.48	1.68	1.67	41	36	70	81
July	1.86	2.53	2.21	2.76	1.66	1.96	35	23	55	80
Aug	1.82	2.61	2.05	2.79	1.62	2.11	25	18	43	68
Sept	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st wk ..	1.84	2.63	2.03	2.93	1.63	2.21	19	30	40	72
2nd wk ..	1.87	2.86	2.07	3.22	1.64	2.43	20	36	43	79
3rd wk ..	1.86	2.91	2.14	3.35	1.64	2.59	28	44	50	76
4th wk ..	1.88	2.91	2.18	3.36	1.66	2.55	30	45	52	81
Oct	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st wk ..	1.92	2.92	2.22	3.31	1.68	2.51	30	39	54	80
2nd wk ..	1.97	2.95	2.34	3.39	1.72	2.63	37	44	62	76
3rd wk ..	1.93	2.90	2.29	3.31	1.72	2.55	36	41	57	76
4th wk ..	1.90	2.89	2.28	3.27	1.70	2.40	38	38	58	87
5th wk <u>a/</u>	1.92	2.87	2.30	3.30	1.70	2.37	38	42	60	93
Nov	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
1st wk ..	1.93	2.75	2.29	3.30	1.69	2.37	36	55	60	93
2nd wk ..	1.98	2.61	2.34	3.12	1.76	2.18	36	51	56	94
3rd wk ..	1.99	2.73	2.43	3.24	1.69	2.12	44	51	74	112
4th wk ..	1.95	2.72	2.44	3.23	1.62	2.13	49	51	82	110
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FLAXSEED PRODUCTION IN ARGENTINA IN 1929 AND FIRST REPORT ON
1929-30 SPRING OILSEEDS ACREAGE IN INDIA

The production of flaxseed in Argentina for the present season is estimated at 55,627,000 bushels, or a decrease of 32.8 per cent from last year's crop of 82,791,000 bushels, according to a cable to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. This is the smallest crop reported for Argentina since 1924-25. Adding this estimate for Argentina to the total production for 14 countries as reported in Foreign Service release, F.S./FF-45, of December 16, the total production for 15 countries reported to date is 91,705,000 bushels compared with 122,775,000 bushels produced by the same countries in 1928. The only important flaxseed producing country not yet reported for the 1929 season is Russia. No indications of the probable outturn in this country are available, but Russia has not entered the international market to any extent in recent years.

The acreage sown to flaxseed in India for the new 1929-30 season at the time of the first report, which is issued late in December, was 2,258,000 acres, or 12.1 per cent below the acreage sown at the same time last year. The total acreage sown last season was 3,124,000 acres.

The acreage sown to rape and mustard seed at the time of the first report for 1929-30 was 3,372,000 acres compared with 3,073,000 acres sown at the corresponding time last year, and a total acreage for the season of 6,823,000 acres. The first and final reports of flaxseed and rape and mustard seed acreage for recent years are given below.

INDIA: Acreage of rice and flaxseed, rape and mustard seed,
1925-26 to 1929-30

Year	Flaxseed		Rape and mustard seed	
	First report	Final report	First report	Final report
	<u>1,000 acres</u>	<u>1,000 acres</u>	<u>1,000 acres</u>	<u>1,000 acres</u>
1925-26....	2,768	3,596	3,366	5,546
1926-27....	2,734	3,231	3,085	5,546
1927-28....	2,574	3,311	2,960	5,907
1928-29....	2,568	3,124	3,073	6,823
1929-30....	2,258	---	3,372	---

